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Great Weather Brings Out Yard-Cleaners



BRIAN MACHOS, 5, and his little brother, EVAN, 1 1/2, do some yardwork at their River Road home to lend a helping hand to their parents. Temperature in the 70's in recent days has pushed-up the traditional spring clean-up of lawns and yards all over town. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Council Ponders Moratorium On Used Car Licenses

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Town Council members held a workshop on a proposed moratorium on Class II used car dealer licenses March 24th. Councilors addressed the establishment of a special commission, separate from the council, that would enforce rules and regulations concerning Class II licenses. The council has focused on the issues since February, as many local dealerships have appeared on the agenda of council meetings.

Councilor Anthony Saracino said, "I want to get used car lots off the council floor. It takes a lot of time and it's shocking to see how the licenses have been planned for."

Councilor Edward Caba added, "We could do more with our rules and regulations." Council President Andrew Gallano said, "The council's Ordinance Committee should set up the rules licensees must adhere to. I don't think anything we have now has any force of law. We adopted new rules and regulations and I'll tell you, if I were a guy in this situation (suspension of a license), I'd be in court tomorrow."

The proposed commission will be comprised of three or five people, but who these people will be or how they will be chosen has yet to be determined. Councilor John Shaughnessy said, "I suggest a sub-committee of the council should meet with Class II dealers for their input. We're trying to regulate a business we know nothing about."

Saracino wants to cap the limit of Class II licenses in Agawam at 40. He feels this figure won't hinder existing businesses.

He said, "We're not trying to put anyone out of business." Not agreeing with this figure, Councilor Alfred Trehey said, "I think we should only allow 35 licenses. We can lose the others by attrition." Trehey has been an outspoken opponent of Class II dealerships in town.

Saracino wants Class I and Class III licenses to be included as well.

Upon a suggestion by Councilor David Skolnick, Gallano called for a vote of those councilors in favor of appointing a commission. The results were 9-1 in favor. Shaughnessy, who dissented, said, "In a straw vote, I'm not that willing to give away the council's power. Without knowing the rules and roles of people involved, how can I vote?"

According to the Town Charter, if the council passes an ordinance accepting the commission, the council's power is shared by the commission.

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TO OUR READERS:
Please note that our offices will be closed Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st, in observance of the Patriots' Day holiday. Deadlines will remain the same.

MORATORIUM - From Page 1...

Councilor Philip DeForge, chairman of the Ordinance Committee, explained, "The main thrust of this is putting a penalty on offenses. Right now, in order to collect money, we must go to court and it costs the town money to do that."

"We are looking into the feasibility of the town collecting the money. We may have to go to the state legislature to change this law, but it isn't practical to spend \$500 or \$1,000 in court fees to collect a fine of \$50 or \$100," DeForge said.

Town Solicitor Ralph Atkins added, "A new commission can be developed with the right to fine, but the council doesn't have the ability to fine except through the district court. We (the council) could go to the legislature and ask for the authority to fine. Agawam is not the only town having a hard time enforcing laws on used car lots."

DeForge explained that the information from the proposed moratorium has been forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for adoption into ordinance form. He said, "It's still being reviewed by the committee. It has been suggested that we invite Class II holders and in all probability we will, plus others."

Edward Harrington To Speak Before GOP Town Committee

Edward F. Harrington, former U.S. attorney for Massachusetts, who is now seeking the Republican Party's nomination for state attorney general, will be the guest speaker at the Agawam Republican monthly breakfast, Saturday, April 5th, at 8:30 a.m., at DaVinci's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Harrington is the former head of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime "Strike Force" for New England, and also served in Washington in the department's nationwide probe of labor racketeering in the early 1960s.

Andrew Campbell, chairman of the Agawam Republican Town Committee, said the Republican town committees of Southwick, West Springfield, and Westfield have been invited to hear Harrington. Campbell said all Republicans and interested independent voters are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 per person.

For information, call Donald McCave, 786-3832.

Best Hometown News...

Peirce Comm. Prepares For Council Update

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Plans were being finalized at last Wednesday's Peirce Building Committee meeting in preparation for presentation to Town Council, Monday, April 7th. If the council adopts the committee's plans, the project will be put out to bid. The Agawam Police Department is scheduled to be relocated there, hopefully by the end of the year or early next year.

Members of the Peirce Designers Selection Board agreed to adopt the gas-fired heating and air conditioning system. The unit will be installed on the flat roof over what is now the courtyard. They also decided to install a generator for emergency use.

One area of concern involves one of the planned cells. Underneath that section is housed plumbing and outlets for sewage. This is being checked into, but it may result in the loss of one lockup, making seven rather than the originally planned eight cells.

Jerry York, a representative of Motorola, presented the committee with information on a police radio control system. A proper control panel is something that is badly needed by the Police Department, according to Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski. The control panel is used for radios, inside security, and for communications, he said. Even though it was suggested by one of the committee members that the panel could be home-made, the police would like to have something profes-

sionally constructed. The EOCD (Emergency Operations Civil Defense Center) also needs a panel in the event of disaster or emergency, said Civil Defense Coordinator James Loomis.

Chmielewski said, "We have to consider the needs of the future as well as the needs we have now. We can't keep coming back year after year to ask for something else." He added, "This is not a matter of luxury. It's a need. We have to do it right."

A radio transmitting tower will be installed on the Peirce Building. The tower will service the needs of both the Police Department and the Civil Defense unit.

The Police Department has been working in cramped space with old equipment for some time. As Chmielewski commented, "We have to have the right kind of lockups and equipment."

Edward Borgatti, chairman of the committee, disclosed the expected cost of the project as \$600,000, plus additional construction costs. Originally, it was estimated at \$200,000.

The replacement value of the facility, or the cost to build something like this without an existing structure to start with, is estimated to be between \$2 and \$3 million. When the project is completed, it will serve the needs of the department and the public well into the future.

Cost-Of-Living Increase Coming For Vets

A 3.1 percent cost-of-living increase in Veterans Administration compensation benefits for service-connected disabilities will be reflected in checks issued March 1st, the VA has announced, according to Ruth Bitzas, Veterans' Agent for the Town of Agawam.

The rate boost, effective December 1st, 1985, was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan, January 13th.

VA Administrator Harry N. Walters said the checks will include retroactive amounts due for the months of December and January.

More than 2.2 million veterans currently receive compensation totaling more than \$8.2 billion a year. The rate adjustment means an increase from \$1,295 to \$1,335 per month for a veteran with a disability rated at 100 percent.

Veterans with a 50 percent disability will receive

\$388 a month, up from \$376, and those with a 10 percent rating will get \$68 a month, up from \$66.

The legislation also increases to \$360 the annual allowance payable in August to certain veterans whose artificial limbs or wheelchairs cause wear on their clothing.

In addition, the law provides a 3.1 percent increase in dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) rates for surviving spouses and children of veterans who died in service or of service-connected causes.

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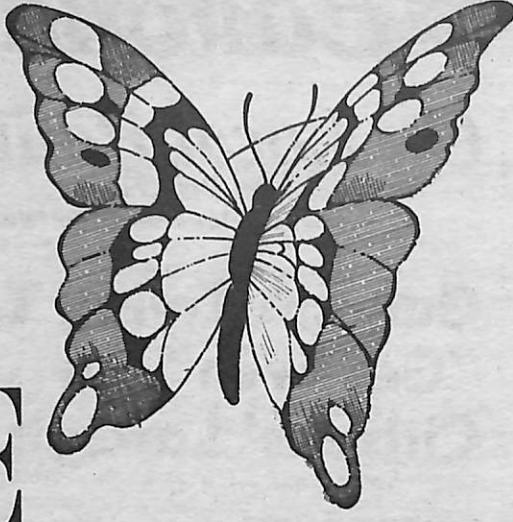
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Editorial

On Local Politics

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Gallano Trying To "Get Even" On Citizens' Lawsuit

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Municipal Writer Dale Fiske will begin a regular column, "On local politics" this week. The *Advertiser News* welcomes opposing viewpoints to those written in this space by our municipal writer.

As veteran Agawam politician Andrew C. Gallano enters his fourth month as president of town council, it makes one wonder if the only point to his position is that there is no point - except "to get even."

Gallano apparently feels this point is important enough to support it with a sign he placed in front of him on the podium when he directed the council's Monday, March 24th meeting. The sign read: "I don't get mad. I get even."

The very presence of this sign may seem not much of an issue. Yet it becomes very symbolic. It does not belong there. It's in very bad taste. Very bad taste.

The sign again contradicts the very words of Gallano when he announced he sought the presidency of the council. Words such as bringing harmony, integrity, and order back to town government came forward from Gallano as he began to assemble the votes needed to attain the post.

But Gallano contradicting himself is not odd. It's happened before.

Gallano's recent attempt to end a citizens' legal suit filed against the former council is a sure-fire sign that he is following the slogan on "his sign."

Fourteen citizens filed an injunction against the council to prohibit the firing of former Town Manager Edward A. Caba, now a town councilor, back in 1984.

These citizens accused the council of violating the state's open meeting law when firing Caba, and filed six other charges as well.

In effect, eight councilors were accused of having a secret meeting before firing Caba. When these same citizens were later brought before a lawyer and questioned about their knowledge of the alleged secret meeting, all said they had no knowledge whatsoever of this meeting ever taking place. Prior to this, the six other charges filed against the council had already been dropped.

The 14 citizens were then asked, under sworn oath, how they became involved in this law suit. The majority answered Councilor Andrew C. Gallano. That's the same Andrew C. Gallano who is now council president.

Four members of the previous council who were named in this law suit lost their seats in the November

election. The men feel their defeat is a direct result of the lawsuit that was orchestrated by Gallano.

Now, Gallano is leading the charge to have the suit dropped from the town's standpoint.

How would you feel if some people accused you of something that they later admitted, under sworn oath, they had no knowledge of. You were humiliated in the press and your integrity was seriously questioned. Wouldn't you want your day in court, before a judge? Would you simply allow someone to drop the case as if nothing had ever happened?

That's exactly what's happening here. At the February 18th meeting of the council, Gallano asked for a vote to be taken to dismiss the suit. This came after special Town Attorney Peter Brady of Holyoke, who had been handling the case for the town, had been contacted that the 14 citizens would dismiss the case if the council would pay its own legal fees and the words "with prejudice" were removed from the suit.

Eliminating the words "with prejudice" would deprive the accused of defending themselves in the future, at their own expense, against the "secret meeting" accusation. Can present councilors, in good conscience, take away the rights of others to face their accusers in a court of law?

After Gallano made one parliamentary mistake during the debate on a related vote, the council finally voted 7-3, with three abstentions, to dismiss the case.

When Gallano said this vote legally dismissed the case from the town's standpoint, Town Attorney Ralph Atkins ruled several weeks later that Gallano was wrong.

In his zeal to get the case dismissed, Gallano had not followed Massachusetts General Law. According to Chapter 42, Section 18, a majority of the 15-member council was necessary to adopt any motion, resolution, or ordinance. In other words, eight votes were needed to dismiss the case, not seven.

In this issue, Gallano is certainly up to his neck in a quagmire. He was named as the sparkplug behind this case by Brady, based on the 14 citizens who gave depositions.

Three of the citizens who joined the suit were campaign contributors to Gallano's 1985 reelection.

When confronted with the sworn statements made by the citizens, Gallano retreated. He refused comment. He later said he was not involved in any way, which of course, was a direct contradiction of what had been said of him under oath. It left the 14 citizens out on a limb.

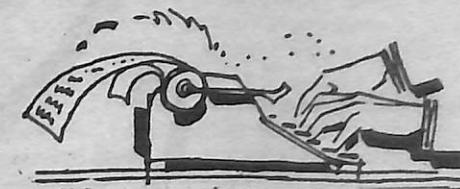
One of the 14 citizens last year said publicly he was contacted by Gallano about filing the suit and was even contacted by Gallano before giving his sworn deposition (that there was nothing to worry about).

It's no small wonder that as council president Gallano is boldly leading the fight to end this lawsuit on the council floor. This nasty little case hasn't exactly been good for Gallano's public relations image.

It is also obvious that he should abstain (but won't) from voting on dismissing the case if it appears before the council again. Caba did on February 18th because he joined the citizens' lawsuit and therefore is involved.

In the tiresome controversies of local politics, the bill of goods being sold to dismiss this lawsuit is caught in a web spun by Gallano.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Phelps School Teacher Says Thanks

To The Editor:

For many years, the teachers and students at Phelps School have received the benefits of a hard-working PTO. This group has provided funds for field trips, in-school special programs, carnival day, and field day.

These programs have directly benefitted the students and provided a valuable tool through which teachers can present a variety of lessons supplementing the curriculum.

On Thursday, March 20th, the PTO again showed its support of education and its appreciation to all teachers at Phelps. They prepared a delicious luncheon.

In addition, each teacher received a silk carnation and a paid ticket to the townwide Education Recognition Banquet, to be held at Chez Josef May 7th. We were also provided with a lunch break.

Members of the PTO took over our classrooms and duties so we could enjoy a leisurely lunch. To top off this great day, a microwave oven was donated, and is kept in the teachers' room.

With all this support, is it any wonder that we think that Phelps School is the greatest place to work! Thank you, parents, for showing how much you care. Each of us is very grateful. Our day was wonderful - just wonderful!

Sincerely yours,
Nancy N. Hellquist, Teacher
Benjamin J. Phelps School

To: Agawam Firemen, Police And Ambulance Attendants

To The Editor:

I want to express my thanks for the prompt response and caring attention received when it was really needed for an emergency situation in our home.

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Mary Claire Trask
57 Day Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m., on April 17, 1986, in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing will be to hear the petition of Donald L. Ugolini to rezone approximately 2.20 acres of land located to the rear of property located at 410 Springfield Street, being further described and bounded:

Description for Donald L. Ugolini, Springfield Street, Agawam, MA.

Description of property in the Town of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts identified as Lot No. 5 on Land Court Case No. 20775 and as shown on a plan of property for Donald L. Ugolini dated February, 1986, Plan No. 2960-01 and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin at the Southeasterly corner of land of John A. McPherson at the Northwesterly line of Springfield Street and running then N33°27'29"W along land of said McPherson, 189.41' to an iron pin; thence S55°20'55"W continuing along land of said McPherson, 121.97' to an iron pin; thence N15°32'46"E along lands of Ferranti, Paolucci and Klupp, 306.36' to an iron pin; thence N78°24'06"E along lands of Fisher, Ryan and Vogel, 298.87' to a concrete bound; thence S15°38'48"E along land of Colton, 54.14' to an iron pin; thence S74°21'12"W along land of owner Unknown, 24.75' to an iron pin; thence S15°38'48"E along land of owner Unknown, 338.41' to an iron pin; thence S56°02'16"W along the Northwesterly line of Springfield Street, 106.02' to the iron pin marking the point of beginning; and containing an area of 2.20 acres.

Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
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TO OUR READERS:
Watch for Dale Fiske's
"On local politics" as
a regular feature of the
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Guest Editorial...

Purchaser Not Needed At Town Hall

by Daniel J. Lacienski
268 South West Street
Former Town Councilor

It has come to my attention through articles in the news media and questions from resident that Town Manager Reid Charles is attempting to again hire an assistant purchasing agent. A recent newspaper article referred to an amendment made by myself in regards to the position when I served on the council.

The manager is proposing to establish the position of assistant purchasing agent at a cost of \$30,000 per year, as stated in the *Springfield Daily News* article of February 17th. There is no mention of the cost of benefits, such as retirement, sick leave, vacation, insurance, etc. It is proposed, by the manager, that we avail ourselves of a state grant to pay approximately 50 percent of the base salary over the first three years!

Amendment To Original Motion

My amendment to the original motion to file for the grant was to establish the position by contract, **not by ordinance**. The purpose of the amendment becomes clear if one looks at municipal positions.

Under Massachusetts General Laws, if a position is established by ordinance, the council must fund the position if it is occupied. This means when the state no longer provides aid for this position and someone has been hired, the council cannot eliminate the position without eliminating the ordinance. This requires a two-thirds vote of the council.

If the position was established by contract, it could be eliminated if the state funding dries up.

My original position was that I was opposed to the establishment of the position for the following reasons:

Of the \$942,000 in municipal purchases quoted by the manager, most of them are made by the following:

The School Department is our single largest purchaser. They already work through the Pioneer Valley Public School Business Co-op. This co-op is made up of eight local school systems. The purchasing power of this group ensures the lowest possible price on supplies.

Large ticket items such as police cruisers and road equipment are handled through the state purchasing office (where these types of items are under state contract). For example, for the past four years, our police cruisers have been bought from a dealership in Natick because of a state contract.

Very Little Left To Purchase

After all of the above type of purchases are made, this leaves very little to purchase, except town stationery, pens and pencils. These could be purchased through the Hampden County Purchasing Office at no additional cost to the town.

The motion was accepted to create the position by **contract last year**. The town manager was directed by the council to file for the state grant in that form. Why does the manager now want to circumvent the earlier vote and establish this position by ordinance?

Why does the manager need a purchasing agent? I think I know why.

If you pay an assistant purchasing agent \$30,000 per year, how much should you pay the Town Clerk? Health Agent?, etc.

Benjamin E. Jones To Head All Chambers

Benjamin F. Jones, chairman of the board, Monarch Capital Corporation, was elected 1986-1987 chairman of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's Annual Business Meeting March 27th.

Jones succeeds William A. James, chairman of the board of trustees and chief executive officer, Springfield Institution for Savings, who led the Chamber during the 1985-1986 program year.

Also elected to serve one year terms as officers were Vice Chairman John Gallup, president, Strathmore Paper Co.; Treasurer Donald Dupre, managing partner, Main Hurdman; Budget Director John M. Ryan, partner, Coopers and Lybrand; and Clerk Paul S. Doherty, attorney, Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury, and Murphy.

Jones is a graduate of Dartmouth College and joined Monarch as an agent in New York City in 1947. During his first year with the company, he gained recognition as New York City's leading agent.

In 1950, Jones became the first agent in company history to sell over \$1 million of life insurance in one year. He was appointed to his current position in 1983.

In addition to his involvement with the Chamber, Jones serves in a variety of leadership positions in the community. He is chairman of the Private Industry Council and is a board member of the Business Fund for the Arts.

Directors

Elected to serve three-year terms on the Chamber's board of directors were: Gloria S. Hayes, senior vice president, Community Savings Bank; Philip E. Lamb, president, Springfield Institution for Savings; Maureen L. Skipper, president, Visiting Nurse Association; and Richard F. Uss, plant manager, Shulton, Inc.

Richard S. George, manager, Sears Roebuck and Company, was newly-elected to serve one year.

Reelected to three year terms on the board were: Clifford Busekist, senior administrative vice president, Farm Credit Banks of Springfield; Gerald E. D'Amour, president, Big Y Foods, Inc.; Hamilton Doherty, attorney, Bulkley, Richardson, and Gelinas; Charles E. Hill, division manager, Westvaco-U.S. Envelope Division; and George W. Jones, executive vice president/general manager, Eastern States Exposition.

Also, Steven M. Roberts, president, F.L. Roberts and Company; David Starr, president/publisher, Springfield Newspapers; Richard A. Stebbins, president/chief executive officer, BayBank Valley Trust Co.; and Joan D. Woods, president, Speed & Hegeman.

Reelected to a two year term was John H. Southworth, president, Southworth Company.

MUNICIPAL EVENTS COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

Monday, April 7th
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 8th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School Cafeteria
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 10th
Conservation Commission
7:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 17th
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Charles To Again Ask For Purchaser

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

For the second time this year, Town Manager Reid Charles will be asking the Town Council for its support when he submits his ordinance request for the creation of an assistant purchasing agent position.

A three-year federal grant was awarded to the town through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development for the position. The terms of the grant specify that in fiscal 1986, the state would pay \$18,345 and the town would pay \$12,230 for the post. In the second year, the state would assume \$12,582 and the town, \$18,873. In the third and final year of the grant, the state would only pay \$6,461 while the town would be responsible for \$25,844.

When Charles brought his request before the council in February, it was defeated by an 11-3 vote.

It is expected that Charles will reintroduce his proposal by changing the wording of the ordinance to a contractual form, allowing the town to remove the person accepting the position if the need arose. Town Solicitor Ralph Atkins is expected to make a decision on the legality of the change. The decision was pending at press time.

Philip DeForge, councilor from Precinct 5, said, "I've been opposed to it from the beginning. I don't think we need one. I see no justification for it." DeForge added, "Nothing has changed my mind about it. I've done some research on it and I can't see spending that money on a person we don't need."

Commenting on the issue, Precinct 6 Councilor Alfred Trehey said, "I'm still not convinced that it (the position) is necessary at this time."

Council Vice-President Dorothy Nelsen, who favored the purchase in February, commented, "I haven't heard

from the attorney yet on whether the position could be terminated and I can't make a decision on this until the attorney makes his ruling."

Second Precinct Councilor William Herd said, "I'm against it. I don't think the position is needed. It's been tried to be implemented before and it's been defeated under many different presentations." Herd added, "School supplies are purchased through a consortium and many other supplies are purchased in similar fashion. Department heads ordering specific parts have a better handle on things than an assistant purchaser looking through a catalog. It makes no sense to have an additional person. It sounds good because a lot of the money is funded. But when funding runs out, we will have to bear the burden (for his/her pay). We may have to fire him at that time and there are people who don't like to fire people."

Speaking about the position, Donald Rheault, councilor from Precinct 3, said, "As long as the position was tied to a grant, it would provide us with an opportunity to see if it would work. Then we could make a judgement. I hesitate to support this in an ordinance form and don't see how an ordinance can be written contractually."

David Skolnick, councilor-at-large, commented, "Basically, I believe in the concept. However, I'm going to watch it very closely and see what happens. I think it's a sound idea and I'd like to give the manager a chance." Skolnick supported the position in February as did council President Andrew C. Gallano.

Charles could not be reached for comment after several attempts to reach him.

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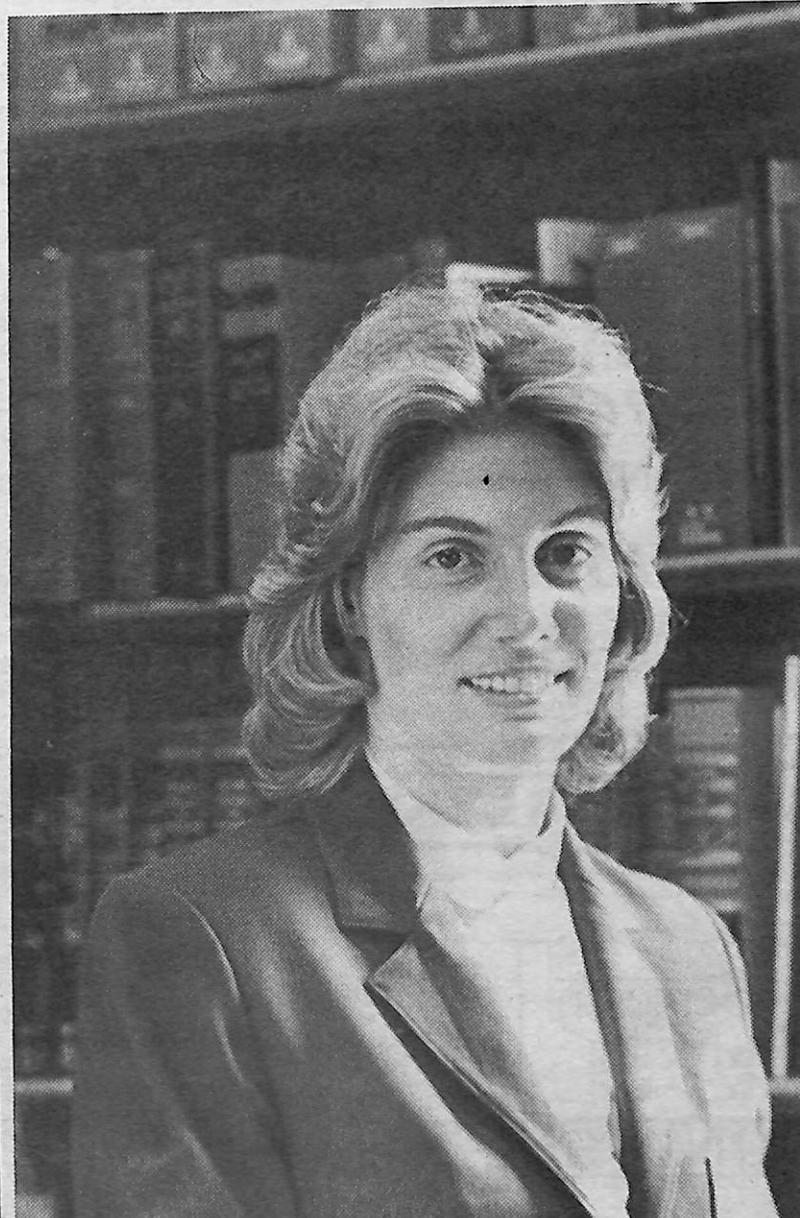
Agawam Junior Women Sponsor Easter Egg Hunt



ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, the Agawam Junior Women's Club conducted its Annual Easter Egg Hunt for members' children. Seated with a live Easter rabbit is member Rosalie Dialessi (center). Children in photo are, from left - Larry and Eric Hoague, Jeffrey Woodard, Dominic Grosso. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LOCAL CHILDREN WITH THE EASTER BUNNY at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Back, from left - Heidi Semanie, Kristin Gallerani, Clara Von Hollander, Daniel Dialessi, Michelle O'Connor and Lisa Gallerani (seated). Front row - Scott Harlin, Michael O'Connor, and David Gallerani. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Storowton Village Seeks Volunteers For Programs

Colonial Storowton Village, located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, is seeking volunteers to participate in special programs and guided tours.

Adult volunteers are needed as docents for Storowton's Living History programs, designed for school children who spend a day in the village living the lives of 19th century youngsters. Volunteers play the roles of villagers and also guide children in colonial crafts, lessons, and chores.

Docents conduct guided tours of the village and have the opportunity to participate in advanced training workshops on blacksmithing, fireplace cooking, and other 19th century skills. During the Annual Big E, they are on hand to help visitors enjoy Storowton Village.

Storowton volunteers, 14 to 18-years-old, are also needed. They act as support staff at Storowton's Colonial Day Camp, assist during summer herbal luncheons, guide tourists through the village, and greet visitors at the Big E in September.

Storowton Village docents normally serve one-half day per week, and when fully trained, they become volunteer members of the professional village staff.

June Cook, director of Storowton Village, is now conducting interviews for volunteers to begin training in April. For an appointment or further information, call 787-0137, weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Marian Center Sponsors Lectures In Holyoke

"Are You A Captive Catholic?" will be the theme of a two-part lecture and dialogue to be presented by Reverend Richard A. Riendeau at Marian Center, Holyoke, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Mondays, April 7th and 14th.

Father Riendeau will challenge participants to rethink what it means to be Catholic. Women and men interested in learning more about this topic are also welcome. Call 533-7171 for information and reservations.

"Try to Understand," an evening for women and men, single and married, will be given by Reverend John Walchans, S.J., from 6:00 to 9:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 15th, at Marian Center, Holyoke.

Father Walchans is an international lecturer and writer. His newest book, *The Resurrection of Values*, will be available in June 1986. Call 533-7171 for information and reservations.

Agawam Hi-Lighters Schedule Square Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance, Friday, April 11th, at Valley Community Church, South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, at 8:00 p.m.

Bob Turnbull will be the caller and Linn Case will cue the rounds.

This is a graduation dance.

Brage Iduna Lodge Sponsors Scandinavian Fun Night

Brage-Iduna Lodge 9, Vasa Order of America, a Swedish-American fraternal and cultural organization, will again sponsor a Scandinavian Dance and Fun Night, Saturday, April 12th, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight, at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

Ed Hendela will furnish the music for the Scandinavian dances as well as for the round and line dancing. The Scandinavian dances will include folk dances from Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark. The dances will be demonstrated followed by group participation.

More information may be obtained from Robert Ebersten or John Sjoberg, West Springfield. The public is invited.

The lodge meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., in the Recreation Rooms of St. Paul Lutheran Church, corner of Elm Street and Mapleshade Avenue, East Longmeadow.

New Agawam Freihofer's Sets Grand Opening April 5th

The Freihofer Baking Company will host an elephant birthday party Saturday, April 5th, to mark the grand opening festivities of the baking company's new Thrift Shoppe at 525 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

At 2:00 p.m., Minnie and Nellie, elephants from the Cummerford Petty Zoo of Goshen, Connecticut, will each be presented with a birthday cake serving 12, a delicacy they prefer to eat in one large gulp.

Minnie and Nellie will also offer children free rides from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., while their parents visit the new Freihofer Bakery Thrift Store.

Also on hand to greet children will be Freihofer's company mascot, a six-foot white rabbit called Freddie Freihofer. Freddie, a veteran of fairs, festivals, and community events, is a favorite with even the shyest child, offering special presents to those who shake his hand.

On display will be the historic Freihofer horse and wagon used for house-to-house delivery in the early 1900's.

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Facts in Focus...

March: The Boisterous Month Is Ending

by Mildred Talmadge - Feature Writer

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Mildred Talmadge is a feature writer for the Southwick-Suffield Advertiser News and this feature appeared March 29th.

Every month tells its own story. Not one is a carbon copy of the year before. However, unless you keep a diary or a journal, you may find your memory is hazy.

It is easy to relate March with approaching spring (and that it is, of course), but sometimes, like this year, we could wonder. We hesitate to bring to the forefront of our minds the record that cites the year when every month had a killing frost.

When the arctic blast takes us back to winter and records for those dates are broken, we realize that March is the 'boisterous month' the Anglo-Saxons dubbed it. Don't forget the famous blizzard of 1888 was in March.

The March birthstone is Bloodstone for Courage. How much of that we had to muster these past few weeks! March in New England has always had a bad reputation. Those who can get away, pick this month to escape on a cruise.

This has been a particularly motley March; more varied than usual it seemed. There's been some snow, arctic cold, balmy days, heavy rains, blustery winds, spring flooding, sap running, bulbs peeking, robins returning, bright skies, longer days, and March marching along to end with Easter.

Eric Sloane quotes: "March: In like a lamb, out like a lion; In like a lion, out like a lamb." But right after it he puts "false."

This year, March came in like a lamb. We hope the "false" for that jingle is correct and that Easter will be a warm, sunny day. At this reading, we will know. The Sap Moon will have just passed its full, and any hope of viewing Comet Halley is fast dwindling for another 76 years.

But, watch out for April 1st! Even the weather can fool you. Anyhow, April will be welcome in New England this year; but if we look back in our diary, we may find it was always so.



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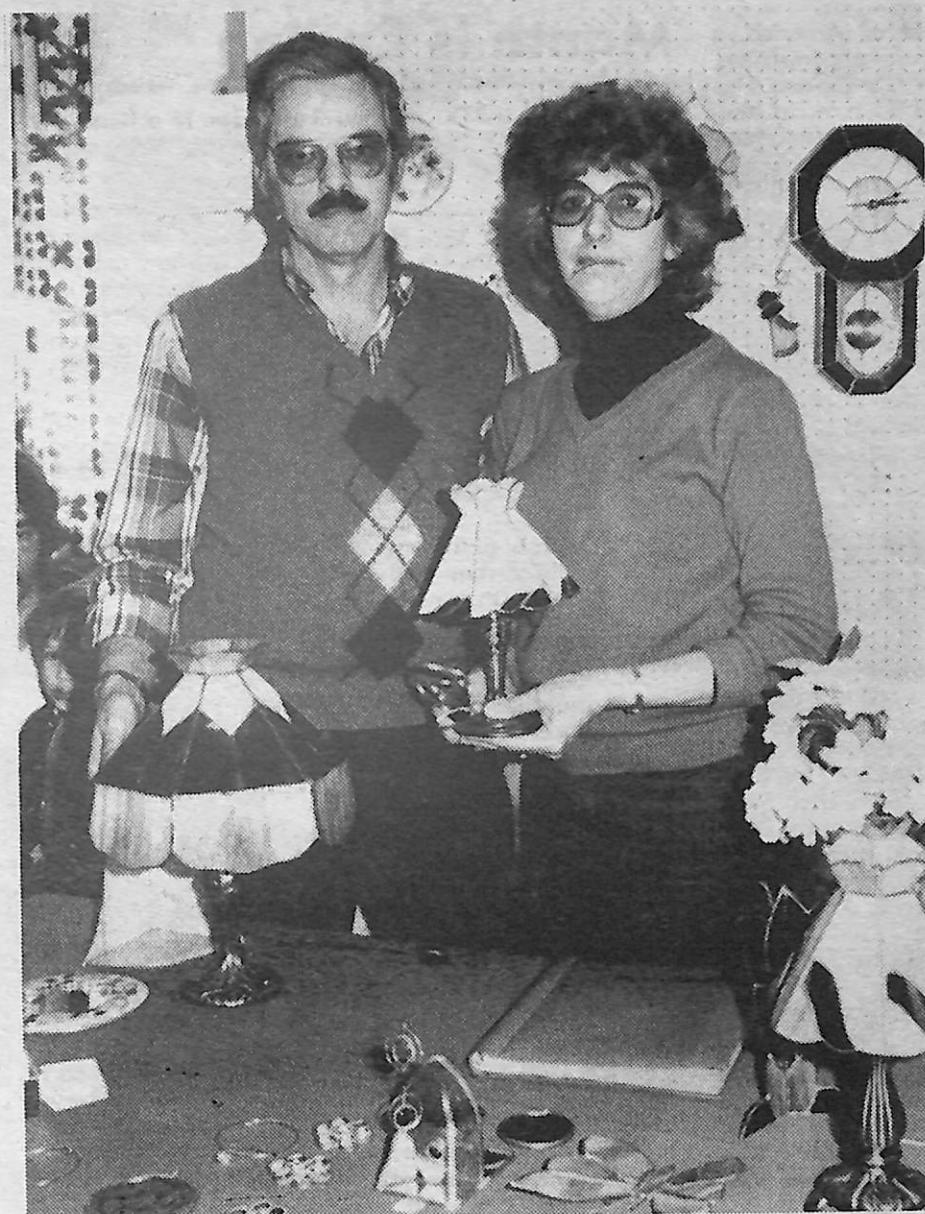
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Agawam Congregational Church Presents Annual..



LOCAL CRAFTSPEOPLE display their miniature Tiffany lamps at the Annual Americana Showcase at the Agawam Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by R.T.

McMullen.



MARION POND, BARBARA TOBIN, president of the Merriweds of the Agawam Congregational Church, and Peg McCobb are all smiles at the Annual Americana Showcase, sponsored by the Merriweds, Saturday, March 22nd. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

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SHOWING OFF HANDMADE DOLLS at the Americana Showcase at the Agawam Congregational Church, are, from left - Natalie Whitmarsh, Shirley Emerson, and Janice Schermerhorn. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



JANE O'BRIEN purchases an item from Peros Drive resident Jessie Fuller as Bertha Rafferty looks on. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



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The following American Red Cross courses are scheduled for April. Participants must pre-register at the Red Cross during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All courses will be held at the Red Cross building at 235 Chestnut Street.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

April 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$15.
April 24th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$15.
April 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$15.
April 29th & May 1st, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$15.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Review

Open to all participants with current CPR certification.

April 28th, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$8.
April 30th, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$8.

Multimedia Standard First Aid

April 9th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$20.
April 14th & 16th, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$20.
April 28th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., \$20.

Standard First Aid Lecture

April 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, May 7th 14th, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., \$20.

Advanced First Aid Lecture

April 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 29th, May 1st, 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 27th, 29th, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., \$25.

Introduction to Health Services Education (I.H.S.E.)

An introduction to instructor responsibilities, orientation to teaching methods, and an overview of the history of the American Red Cross. This will be a mandatory prerequisite for those wishing to take Instructor courses after April 15th, 1986.

April 9th, 10th, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$8.
April 22nd, 24th, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., \$8.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Modular Instructor

Participants must be 17 years of age or older and hold current CPR certification.

April 4th, 11th, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., \$18.

Water Safety Instructor

Participants must be 17 years of age or older and hold current Advanced Lifesaving certification. The class will meet at the New North School at 200 Birnie Avenue in Springfield. To register, call the Springfield Park & Recreation Department, 787-6434.

Please remember that our deadline for news and advertising is every Tuesday at noon. We encourage you to publicize your event at least one week in advance.

News, Activities At Ag. Senior Center

Swim Exercise Class Rescheduled. An abbreviated five-week course will start on Monday, April 21st, to run through May 19th. Class is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the junior high pool. Fee for the five weeks is \$10, payable at time of registration. Sign-up at the ticket booth soon as class size is limited.

Commodity Re-Registration Dates are Tuesday, April 29th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and Wednesday, April 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All eligible persons under 60 are to register at Sacred Heart Church, 1059 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Seniors with an Agawam address (zip 01001) will register at the Senior Center, 57 Wright Street; seniors with a Feeding Hills address (zip 01030) will register at Sacred Heart Church.

Be sure to bring proof of income and proof of residence when you register. Everyone who is eligible must register for a new 1986-87 card. The old card is no longer valid.

The next commodity distribution will be on Thursday, May 29th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pick-up your food at the same place you register.

Stay-Well Clinics - first and third Mondays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., for medical evaluation, blood pressure screening, and/or counseling by a professional nurse. There is no charge for this service.

Summer Classes. Activities Director Sandra Smith is planning summer classes - there will be something for everyone in the six-week courses, which will be starting in July, with no charge to the seniors. Golf - classroom instruction at the center. Tennis - on-court classes. "Hatha" Yoga - at the center. A course especially designed for seniors with a professional instructor.

Class sizes are limited. Sign-up soon at the director's office for the class or classes of your choice. Starting dates will depend on early registration of interested persons. Or, let us know what your special preference may be for a summer course. Phone 786-0400, extension 242.

Seat Belt Safety

12:30 Program - April 10th, Thursday, at the center. Alice Contervala, assisted by Audrey Rich, of the American Red Cross Auxiliary, will present a timely talk on "Seat Belt Safety."

April 17th and April 24th - 12:30 Programs. There will be a two-part slide show presented by Activities Director Sandra Smith showing the many classes, special events, etc., held at the center, as well as a glimpse of some of the trips. There are too many to show all at once, so be sure to plan on coming for both shows.

Thank You to the following contributors to Agawam's Senior Center Volunteer Recognition Program: EBTEC, Agawam; Grimaldi & Burzdak Realty, Agawam; Dr. Michael S. Haynes, Feeding Hills; Ginny Hennessey, Village Realty, Feeding Hills; Mansfield Paper Company, West Springfield; and The Rollaway, Inc., Agawam.

Mystic Seaport Trip, May 22nd. Reservations are coming in well for this interesting day trip to Mystic Seaport Village and Aquarium, with show. Lunch at the Flood Tide Restaurant is included in the cost of \$30 per person. Bus pickup at Country View, 7:30 a.m., and at the center, 7:45 a.m. Reservations must be accompanied by payment and may be made daily at the Senior Center ticket booth between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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New England Shrimp Make Good Eating During April

Cheap And Sweet Northern Shrimp Are Here

Did you know that New England has its own native shrimp? Sweet tasting northern shrimp, also known as Maine shrimp, are found off the coast of northern New England. You can enjoy these reasonably priced shrimp caught by local fishermen from December through April.

Have you seen shrimp prices lately? Most southern varieties of shrimp seem high in price. Northern shrimp are generally cheaper than these southern varieties and sweeter tasting, too.

How do you recognize local shrimp in retail stores? Northern shrimp are one of the few shrimp sold whole in this area. If you see a display of relatively small-sized, whole shrimp with distinctive black eyes, these are native shrimp. Since they are also sold in other forms, it's best to ask for northern shrimp.

You can buy native shrimp in many forms. They are found at both the fresh and frozen seafood counters, and may be raw or cooked, or in the cooked-and-peeled form. They are also sold canned. Simply buy the form that's easiest for your recipe.

To prepare northern shrimp, just steam or boil for only one to two minutes. When the shell turns pink and the meat changes from translucent to white, you know they are ready.

When planning a get-together, entertain your friends with a big platter of steamed, chilled native shrimp. Serve with cocktail sauce and have guests dig in and peel their own. It saves you time and your friends will enjoy the novelty.

Instruct them to remove the shells by pulling off the head and tail sections; breaking the remaining shell in the middle near the legs; and peeling it off. There's no need to devein!

Besides tasting great, shrimp is helpful in maintaining good health. A 3½ ounce serving of shrimp contains only about 200 calories and less than 2 percent fat. Shrimp is blessed with a whopping 18.4 grams of protein in one serving.

Also, it contains significantly less cholesterol than one egg. In addition, the Omega-III fatty acids, contained in all seafoods, have been proven to not only lower cholesterol levels in the blood but also decrease the risk of heart disease and help prevent blood clots.

DIJON SHRIMP SALAD

2 pounds whole shrimp (cooked or uncooked) or 1 pound cooked and peeled
 ½ cup mayonnaise (low fat mayo is better for you)
 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 ¾ cup finely chopped celery
 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 Salt and pepper to taste

If using whole, uncooked shrimp, steam or boil for one to two minutes, then immerse in cold water to cool. Peel cooled shrimp and mix with remaining ingredients. Chill and serve on a bed of lettuce. Makes three or four servings.

QUICK SHRIMP AND RICE

1½ pounds whole native shrimp (cooked or uncooked) or ¾ pound peeled and cooked
 ¼ cup olive oil
 4 green onions, chopped
 1 cup diced fresh tomatoes
 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
 ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
 ¼ cup dry white wine
 ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
 3 cups hot cooked rice

If using whole, uncooked shrimp, steam or boil for one to two minutes, then peel. Heat oil in skillet. Sauté onions until soft. Add remaining ingredients except rice and parsley. Cook and stir until hot.

Stir in parsley and serve at once over hot rice. Makes four servings. (Adapted from "A Cape Cod Seafood Cookbook".)

SHRIMP JAMBALAYA

1½ pounds whole native shrimp (cooked or uncooked), or ¾ pound peeled and cooked
 ¼ cup chopped bacon or ham
 3 tablespoons chopped onion
 3 tablespoons chopped green peppers
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1 tablespoon flour
 Dash paprika
 Salt and cayenne pepper to taste
 ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 2 cups canned tomatoes
 2 cups cooked white rice

If using whole, uncooked shrimp, steam or boil for one to two minutes, then peel. Fry bacon until crisp. Add onion, green pepper, and garlic. Cook until tender. (If using ham, add a small amount of oil to cook vegetables.)

Blend in flour and seasonings. Add tomatoes and cook until thick, stirring frequently. Stir in rice and shrimp. Season with salt and cayenne pepper. Serve hot. Makes three or four servings.

Preparations Underway For Ag. CROP Walk

Preparations for the Fifth Annual Agawam CROP Walk for the Hungry are underway. The CROP Walk is scheduled for April 13th. Registration for walk participants began March 16th. Walkers may gather sponsors for their effort upon receiving sponsor records from local recruiters.

The CROP Walk has become an annual event in the Town of Agawam and is a means by which individuals or groups unite in the cause of worldwide hunger relief. Funds raised by the walk also benefit impoverished areas where materials, technical support, and education can help alleviate food shortages.

Walkers sign-up for the event and obtain sponsors who will donate a set amount of money for each kilometer walked. This year, as in the past years, the walk course will be 10 kilometers in length.

The CROP Walk in Agawam has netted over \$20,000 in the past four years, with last year's walk bring-

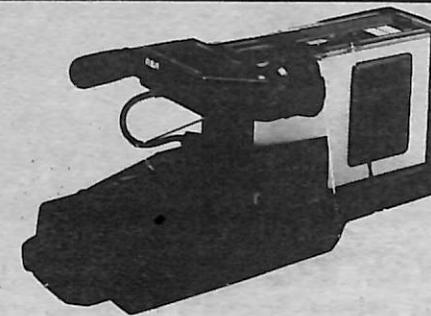
ing in over \$8,000. Last year was the best year ever and sets the stage for a 1986 goal of \$20,000. Money raised is turned over to Church World Services and the Springfield Open Pantry.

Church World Services has an outstanding record for aiding those in need and distributes 95 percent or more of all funds raised in the form of development programs and food supplies for the needy and famine victims. The Springfield Open Pantry provides meals on a local basis.

Seventy-five percent of the money raised by the Agawam CROP Walk is turned over to Church World Services, with the remaining 25 percent given to the Springfield Open Pantry for local use.

For more information on this local celebration, please contact Warren Barr, 787-9353, during the day, or 786-5310, nights or weekends, or Jeff Newbrough, 786-2013, evenings.

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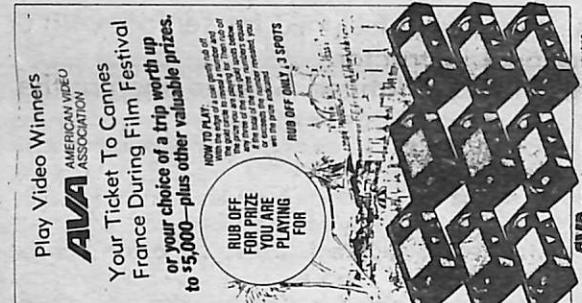
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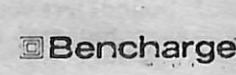
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by Marilyn & Dick Curry - Local Historians

Murder at the Agawam Bridge

Publisher's Note: In the third and concluding part of a three-part series on the 1881 murder at the Agawam Bridge, local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry reflect on the incident and the execution of Joseph Loomis.

An Afterthought...

The news account is quite lengthy and most descriptive of the last hours of Joseph Loomis' confinement and final execution by hanging for the murder of Joseph Levitt.

Indeed, were it not for the most morbid of descriptions, we might be tempted to relate the entire story. But what would it gain other than to make us realize that so-called "sensationalism" as depicted by the late Victorian era reporters certainly existed long before this modern age!

Yet, one need only to read the most descriptive report of the manner of Loomis' execution to realize our reasons for not quoting that reporter's account.

Still, there is something to be said for the blow-by-blow reporting of this incident in that it leaves nothing to the imagination. If it's the "truth" of the matter that counts, most assuredly, the author of this 1883 column certainly did his job thoroughly! And if there is credit to be distributed, then we must not forget the apparent speed with which the local police must have carried out their investigation and final (almost immediate) arrest of the suspect...and this at a time when modern innovations of law enforcement/investigation were yet to be had!

That credit should be extended the police of that time is doubly due since it did involve the cooperation of Springfield, West Springfield, Agawam, Westfield and perhaps Southwick police departments at a time when travel and communications were still mired in the "good old horse n' buggy days."

Perhaps the greatest sense of dismay as evidenced in this article is the mention of the execution in terms almost symbolic of a Sunday's sojourn into the countryside for a pleasant day of picnicking.

This attitude of apparent festive occasion can be best described in the 1883 reporter's own words: "A platoon of police, headed by Captain Wright, left the City Hall at 9 o'clock, passed up State Street and was stationed in and about the jail by Marshal Hamilton.

"Soon after, men who had tickets of admission to the execution, began to gather near the office door and before long the walk leading to the street was filled. A more numerous throng, including some women, took its position on the opposite sidewalk."

The reporter states that about 175 ticketholders attended the actual execution! By George, this does seem to change somewhat that original opinion of the quiet majesty and solemn grace of Whistler's mother sitting very quietly in her chair, dressed prettily in lace! Who knows what secrets Granny could have told of those "Good Old Days" just before and during the "Gay Nineties."

But it does seem unjust to accuse our grandparents or great-grandparents of having been something other than what we have come to learn of the Victorians. After all, the United States was but a 100 years-old at the time of the murder in question. Our local regions were still under the influence of our agrarian past! Indeed, the account of Loomis' execution is indeed in keeping with the best of the western lynchings when a whole town would turn out as if they were going to the circus.

Nevertheless, it does remain that the story did take place and that it is a part of Agawam/Feeding Hills' legendary past. If nothing more can be said of this tragic incident, let it suffice to say that according to the 1883 newspaper account, the fate of the murderer was given unto the hand of Providence on the morning of March 8th, 1883. He paid for his crime and remained in a state of peaceful composure to the very last minute. Indeed, Loomis did admit to his crime (with regret).

Even though the old covered bridge that once spanned the Agawam River near the Big E grounds has long since passed into history, and despite the fact that the crime here mentioned is over 100 years-old, we do caution our readers!

Be alert those who would travel by way of the Agawam Bridge even today during the midnight hours of the dark evening! Keep on your toes whilst driving homeward bound, lest you see a vision or two of that awesome event that took place close by...within reach of where you may be...more than 100 years past, somewhere in the dimly-lighted wooden structure of Agawam Bridge!

SEE BRIDGE MURDER - Page 13...



THE AGAWAM BRIDGE (near Dunkin' Donuts) was the site of a murder in 1881. For his crime, Joseph Loomis was hung by the neck in 1883. About 175 onlookers and officials attended the execution. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Library Hosts Pinocchio Puppets

Agawam Public Library will celebrate National Library Week with a performance of the classic *Pinocchio* by the professional troupe Puppets Unlimited. Free tickets will go to local families on a first come-first served basis, and may be reserved by calling 789-1550. The event will take place April 9th.

Puppets Unlimited will present *Pinocchio*, adapted from Carlo Collodi's famous book. The story is faithfully recreated with large hand-and-rod puppets, actors in costumes and masks, a variety of colorful and changing scenes, lighting effects, and classical music accompaniment.

One of the best known children's stories of all times, *Pinocchio* is the story of the mischievous little puppet who longs to be a real boy. This affectionate version follows the misadventures of Pinocchio as he is carved out of an enchanted piece of wood by Geppetto; instructed on how to be a good boy by the Talking Cricket; befriended by a troupe of puppets; robbed and cheated by the evil Fox and Cat; helped by the kindly Blue Fairy; and through a host of other misadventures until he finally becomes a real little boy.

Of course, whenever he tells a lie, his nose becomes incredibly long.

Puppets Unlimited is considered one of the finest puppet theatre companies on the East Coast. They have received awards and recognition from the Puppeteers of America, the New England Foundation for the Arts, the New England Theatre Conference Children's Theatre Division, the New England Puppetry Series, and the Connecticut Commission on the Arts.

Puppets Unlimited brings years of dedication to this wonderfully creative form of theatre. They have written the script, built the puppets, created the scenery and constructed a 12-foot high set for this production. A performance by Puppets Unlimited is not only great entertainment, but also a demonstration of expertise in puppet theatre.

FIRE-WISE by Rusty Jenks Agawam Fire Chief

Hot Water and Liquids Burn Just Like Fire.....

Hot water and hot liquids, like soup or coffee, can burn just as seriously as fire. The Agawam Fire Department warns that contact with water or liquids heated to 150°F can cause the worst kind of burn (third degree) in an adult in less than two seconds. Children and elderly have more sensitive skin which burns more quickly. Scald burns are a frequent cause of injury and death in children under the age of five.

If a scald burn occurs, cool the burn with water. Cover with a clean cloth and seek medical help immediately. Do not use any greasy ointments, butter, vaseline or oil on burns. They will hold in the heat and cause a more serious burn. Do not use ice on a burn and don't pack a burn victim in ice. Call the rescue squad immediately at 911.

Many scald burns happen in the kitchen. Keep pot handles turned inward to avoid spills and to keep them out of the reach of children. Keep children away from the stove and out from underfoot while you are cooking. Make sure everyone is seated before serving hot soup or foods. Never hold a cup of hot coffee or beverage while holding a child. One quick movement and you can scald the child and yourself. Do not use tablecloths with small children around. They can tug on it and pull hot food or liquid on themselves. Keep cords to appliances up on the counter so that children don't pull on them.

Scalds also happen frequently in the bathroom. Test bath water for children. Do not leave children alone in the bathtub. They might turn on the hot water and be unable to turn it off. Teach young children to turn on the cold water first when using faucets.

Check the water temperature in your house. Use a meat thermometer. If the water coming from the faucet is more than 125°F, set the hot water heater lower.

Obituary

Gladys Barden

Agawam: Gladys (Perkins) Barden, 89, of 80 Carr Avenue, died Saturday, March 29th, in a local nursing home. Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam 67 years. She was a member of Agawam Congregational Church and its Friendly Workers, the Belchertown State School Friends Association and the Agawam Garden Club. She leaves her husband, Edwin S. Barden; a son, Francis Heath of Old Saybrook, Connecticut; two daughters, Meta J. Barden of Agawam and Phyllis J. LePage of Vernon, Connecticut; a sister, Hortense Porier of Chicopee; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. The funeral was Wednesday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.



THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY will be hosting "Pinocchio," Wednesday, April 9th, at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, please call 789-1550.

Private Albert Boudin Completes Basic Training

Private Albert F. Boudin Jr., son of Albert F. Tardy of 28 Maynard Street, Agawam, and Donna L. Plamondon of 82 Rivers Avenue, Chicopee, has completed basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

His wife, Doris, is the daughter of John & Loretta Perman of 404 Springfield Street, Wilbraham. He is a 1976 graduate of Chicopee High School.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message on his machine and he will return your call.

BRIDGE MURDER - From Page 12...

There's A Lesson To Be Learned

There is much to be learned from the sad story of the crime herein mentioned. But perhaps the soundest advice one might gain or follow from this tidbit of local history is the fact that Joseph B. Loomis did admit to the evils of drinking. This is especially noted in the 1883 newspaper story that did print the young man's regret at having imbibed in hard drink.

Accordingly, the *Weekly Republican* should be complimented in its apparent effort to warn each and every one of the evils of drinking (via the paper's printing of Loomis' final hope that his friends might accept a pledge written by him and for the purpose of taking the pledge not to partake of hard drink!).

Without a doubt, there are those of us, even today, who will jest at this obvious joust with John Barleycorn, yet we do know for a fact that drinking is indeed a serious problem of both young and old alike today. There is a lesson to be learned even now from the century old crime: "Don't Drink When You're Driving!" Better still: "Don't ride with someone who has been drinking! One never knows!"

NOTE: For those readers who would enjoy reading the complete story of the *Weekly Republican*'s article, we suggest you visit the main branch of the City Library, Springfield. The attendant at the reference desk will be most happy to accommodate you with the proper film copy of that paper's issue, and you may peruse the article at your pleasure via the enlarged copy machine/viewer that makes a pleasure of reading the microfilm copies of local newspapers by years.

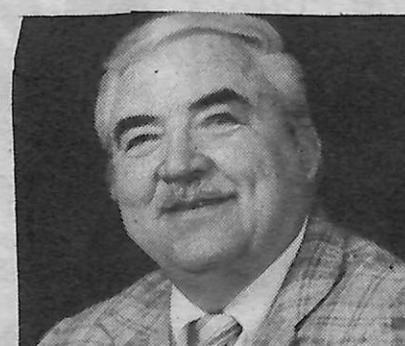
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Heritage Hall News, Notes, Activities

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Culinary Arts Program

Could it be the real Julia Child? Well, maybe not. But it is Western New England College student Laura Zerbooks. Laura will be conducting a class for Heritage Hall residents on culinary arts.

From Monroe, New York, Laura is working towards a bachelor of science in accounting. She plans to utilize her talents and mathematical ability in helping residents prepare one culinary masterpiece after another.

Residents are anxiously waiting in anticipation for this new program to begin and are looking forward to tasting and enjoying the results of these great masterpieces.

A RESIDENT EDITORIAL

by Betty King

Betty King, a resident of Heritage Hall, has been active in the Heritage Hall Creative Writing class since it began. She has submitted this article for our readers:

"A second chance in living when you are lucky enough to come to Heritage Hall homes. You have a second chance to further your education and renew your zest for life. Special educated caring people have activities to restore and revitalize you. It's proof aging can be a joyous time."

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Being a resident for years, I vouch for what I say. Being here is a real home. It's a continued education."

I REMEMBER...

In commemoration of the Easter Holiday, resident Anne Campbell has written this poem for Holy Week.

God

*I grew to know
The Hand that loved me.
I grew to know
The Life that loved me.
I grew to know
The Loved that loved me
I grew to know
My God.*

Chairside Pilgrimage

Heritage Hall residents took a chairside pilgrimage to the Holy City of Jerusalem during Holy Week.

Residents found this slide presentation to be both moving and educational.

ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood Night

Heritage Hall residents recalled those dazzling days of yesterday, Tuesday, March 25th, as they immersed themselves in the glamour and excitement of a Silver Screen Buffet sponsored by Heritage Hall's activity department.

Old time Hollywood favorites such as Clark Gable, John Wayne, W. C. Fields, and Joan Crawford decorated the walls as Heritage Hall residents recalled those great "Hollywood Days" and their favorite silver screen celebrities.

Residents are looking forward in anticipation for their next "Hollywood Night" and to future silver screen buffets.

Fit As A Fiddle

The banging of tambourines and the rhythmic shaking of maracas could be heard at Heritage Hall as the residents involved themselves in the new and exciting program, "Fit As A Fiddle."

This new and innovative program has been very popular and has been introduced to 25 other area nursing homes. The goal of this program is to make exercising for the elderly entertaining, as well as rewarding.

The success of this program has been attributed to the contagious and energetic enthusiasm of its instructors.

Residents are looking forward to their next "Fit As A Fiddle" program.

Easter Egg Hunt At Heritage Hall

The Pioneer Valley Children's Center came to Heritage Hall on Tuesday, March 25th to help residents celebrate Easter.

The children delighted the residents with their renditions of "Old MacDonald" and the "A-B-C Song."

Residents and children worked diligently coloring and decorating Easter eggs in preparation for the big hunt. When everything was finished, the children began their search for eggs. Becky, one of the children from the center, won first prize for finding the special "purple egg."

The program ended with hugs, smiles, and best wishes for a happy Easter. Resident Mary Millet summed up the morning this way, "Easter would not be the same without children."

Thank-you, Pioneer Valley, for helping to make our Easter something special to remember.

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK

Helen Langevin

Our featured "Resident of the Week" is Helen Langevin. Helen was born in Nova Scotia, Canada. While still an infant, she came to the United States with her family and settled in Westbrook, Maine.

Years later, Helen and her family moved to the Chicopee area where she met her future husband, Theodore Langevin, at the Aldenville School.

In 1928, Helen and Theodore married and made their home in Aldenville. Theodore worked as a machinist for the original Savage Arms Gun Shop in



HERITAGE HALL RESIDENTS, seated, from left - Walter White, Mary McBride, Juliette Simeoli, and Helen O'Connell heard Mass during Easter Week from Father Gilbertson (center), Sister Frances White (daughter of Walter White), and William Koob. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Chicopee Falls, where Helen found a job as a silk winder for the Skinner's Silk Mill.

Helen and Theodore were married for "56 wonderful years." They had two children, Theodore, Jr., who now lives in Virginia, and Robert, who lives in West Springfield. She gleams when she talks about her four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Helen loves reading, sewing, and doing housework. Her fondest memories were of New Hampshire when she spent her summers at beach outings.

Helen looks forward to returning to her home in Chicopee Falls in the near future, where her sister Mary anxiously awaits her return.

F.H. Congo To Hold Supper

Operation Friendship, Inc., Feeding Hills Chapter, will hold a public Roast Beef Supper and Bake Sale, Saturday, April 12th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Served will be tomato juice, roast beef, mushroom gravy, potato, vegetable, tossed salad, beverage, and dessert. Seconds are always available. All kinds of homebaked food will be available at the bake sale. For reservations, call 786-5061. The supper and bake sale will be at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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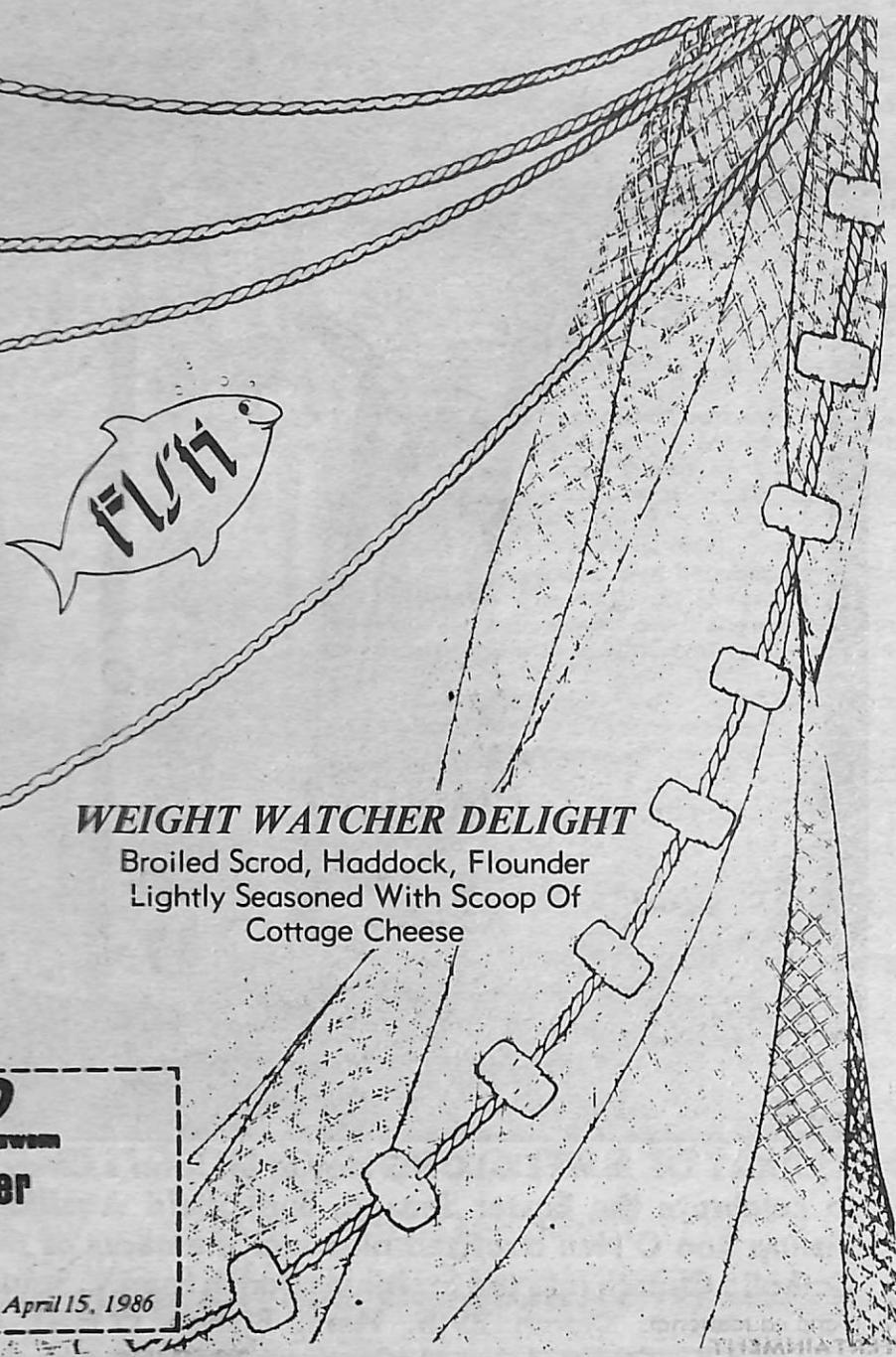
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Bishop O'Neil Baptizes 9 New St. John's Members



AS PART OF A WEEK-LONG stay at St. John's Church to celebrate the Easter Season, Springfield Auxiliary Bishop Leo O'Neil baptized nine new members of the Catholic Church into the St. John's Parish family, Saturday evening, March 29th. Here, Bishop O'Neil, is assisted by Father Jerry McGrath of St. John's in the ceremony. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



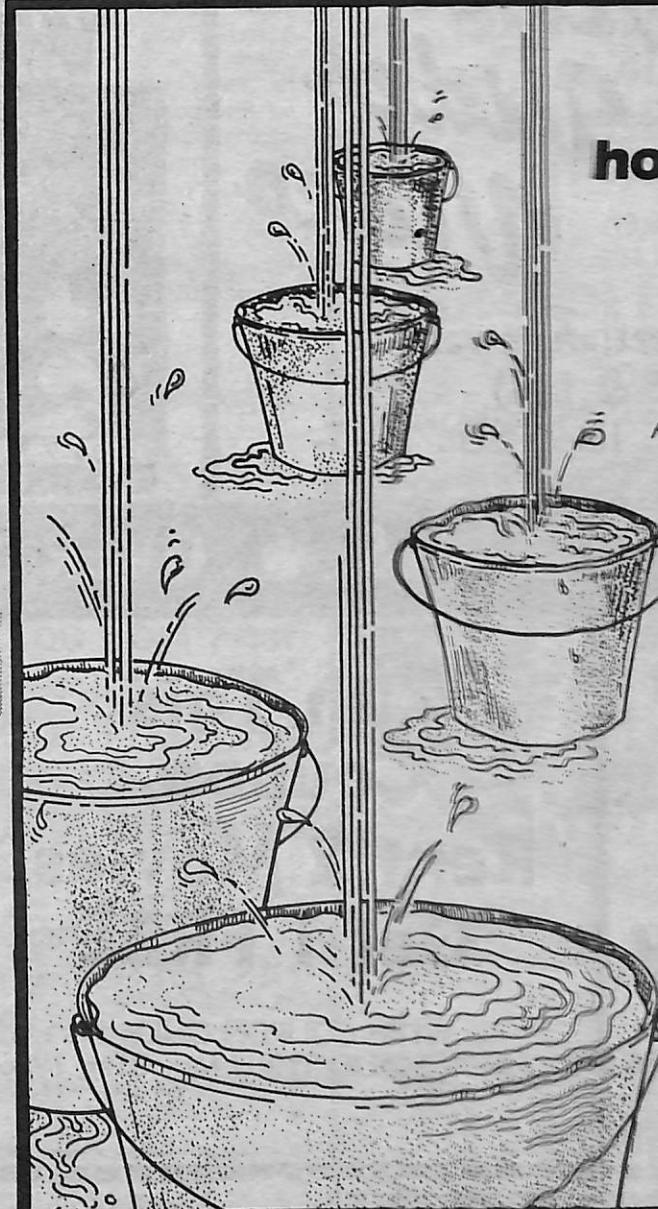
ROBIN DEJONGH is about to be baptized by Springfield Auxiliary Bishop Leo O'Neil at St. John's Church, Saturday evening, March 29th. A reception followed in the Parish Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FATHER JERRY MCGRATH of St. John's Church assists Auxiliary Bishop Leo O'Neil with the proceedings at the church, Saturday evening, March 29th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Some Danger Signs For Eye Care You Should Watch For

by Dr. Richard Gallerani
Feeding Hills Optometrist

There are many eye symptoms, changes in vision or eye comfort that can indicate a problem with eye health that requires the immediate care of an eye care professional.

The sudden occurrence of any of the symptoms listed below or a change in an already existing condition warrants the attention of your optometrist or ophthalmologist:

- *Blurred vision unhelped by glasses
- *Wavy, or distorted vision
- *Red eye or eyes
- *Foreign substance in the eye
- *Eye pain
- *Flashes of light in the side vision
- *Increase in spots or shadows
- *Crossed eye
- *Double vision
- *Loss of side vision or parts of vision
- *Colored haloes around lights
- *Severe swelling of an eye
- *Bulging of an eye
- *Difference of eye size or pupil size
- *Discharge, crusting of lashes, heavy tearing
- *Diabetes

Many of the above symptoms can be caused by conditions with grave implications if not diagnosed and treated. Blurred vision unhelped by glasses can indicate diseases of the cornea, the clear part of the eye, opacities of the lens of the eye (a cataract), diseases of the retina, the nerve tissue we see with, or the optic nerve, the collection of all nerves traveling to the brain.

Wavy, distorted vision may signal diseases of the macula, the area of the retina where the most acute vision and color vision is located.

Any foreign substance in the eye should be evaluated since if not removed or treated properly can cause permanent damage and threaten vision in some circumstances.

Flashes of light with or without increased spots or shadows can be signs of a retinal detachment.

Sudden double vision can indicate a problem with an eye muscle which controls eye movement or with the nerve which controls the muscle.

Loss of side vision can indicate chronic glaucoma, diseases of the retina, or a brain lesion affecting the visual fibers traveling from the eye to the brain.

Colored haloes around lights, eye pain, and red eyes can signal an acute glaucoma attack.

Discharge, crusting of lashes, heavy tearing, and red eye can indicate infection of the eye.

Any diabetic should be seen at least once a year for an eye exam and retinal evaluation since there are many serious ocular side effects from diabetes.

Any of the signs or symptoms listed can indicate a serious condition which left untreated can threaten vision. An immediate consultation with your eye care professional is strongly advised.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet At St. Theresa's

The Agawam-West Springfield Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet at St. Theresa of Infant Jesus Church, Bridge Street, Agawam, Friday, April 4th, from 9:00 p.m. to Saturday, April 5th, at 6:00 a.m.

Father Albert E. Breton, pastor and moderator, St. Theresa, opens the event with exposition of The Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 p.m., Friday.

Members alternate periods of adoration during the nine-hour vigil, closing with Benediction at 6:00 a.m., Saturday. Alfred L. Mutti, society secretary, and Richard J. Rieker, group leader, are in charge of arrangements. Alfred Racicot is the chairman of St. Theresa's membership.

Further information may be obtained from both Father Breton and Racicot, 786-4451 or 786-5089. Membership is open to men and women, 18 years of age or older.

Services are open to all who wish to participate.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, Thursday, April 10, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MRS. BARBARA SULBORSKI who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 38 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the creation of three items from a 13½ acre parcel of land identified as 660 NORTH STREET. Two (2) of said lots will have insufficient frontage as required.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Chairman
Published: March 27th, 1986

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Housing Authority Has Applications

The Agawam Housing Authority has been notified that applications will be accepted to fund elderly housing units, elderly congregate units, family housing units, and special needs handicapped housing units. The AHA is looking for elderly locations which would be within a 10-minute walk from food, variety, and drug stores and near a bus stop. Locations for family housing need not conform to these conditions as most families today have their own transportation.

Locations the AHA are interested in obtaining can be open land which would be feasible for new construction or adaptive reuse of existing buildings.

Priority funding by the state will be given to housing authorities which can obtain donated sites, and proposals from communities which donate funds such as Community Development Block Grant funds to assist with site acquisition, site preparation, or construction.

Anyone with locations who may be interested in negotiation of their property is urged to contact any of the following board members: Frank Chriscola, Jr., James J. Harkins, Rosemary Sandlin, Robert Watson, or Theodore J. Therrien. They may also call the AHA office, 786-1297.

Famous Ghosthunters In Agawam April 25th

The Agawam Historical Association will present Lorraine & Ed Warren, the famous ghosthunters, Friday, April 25th, at the Agawam Junior High School, at 7:30 p.m. The junior high school is located on Springfield Street (Route 57), Feeding Hills.

The Warrens are well-known on the lecture circuit both here and abroad. They will present a slide program with a question and answer period to follow.

They have had two successful TV shows of their own in Connecticut: "Ghosthunters with Ed and Lorraine Warren," Channel 18, Hartford, and "Seekers of the Supernatural," Channel 17, New Britain.

Some of their experiences have been written up by such famous writers as Brad Steiger in *Medicine Power*, Dan Greenburg in *Something's There*, as well as a book by J. F. Sawyer, *Deliver Us From Evil*. This dealt with

13 of their most spine-tingling encounters with the supernatural.

Some of the more publicized cases they have worked on include hauntings at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a small house on Linley Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut, that made international headlines in 1974.

They were also involved as chief investigators in a haunting on Long Island that became a best selling book and movie, *The Amityville Horror*.

To this day, that remains one of the worst cases they have ever been involved with, and certainly, the most controversial.

For ticket information and/or reservations, please call 786-1452 or 789-0328. Tickets are \$7.50 each. Only 400 seats are available.

Please remember that our deadline for each edition is Tuesday at noon time, prior to our Thursday publication. We strongly recommend that you publicize your event at least one week in advance. We do not take classified advertising over the phone. Please fill-out the easy form in the back of the paper and bring it to the office or mail it in.

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Blood Sugar Testing At Providence Hospital

The monthly session of the Providence Hospital blood sugar level testing program is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in Room One of the hospital auditorium. Advanced registration is not necessary.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., diabetic teaching nurse, stressed that those taking the test must fast from midnight the night before "so that the test will be accurate."

The program is open to the public and a \$2 donation is asked to cover costs. Diabetics are welcome to take the test to check their sugar levels.

Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the hospital, 536-5111, extension 2291.

Parks & Recreation Dept. Offers Pre-School Camp

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department will once again run the Summer Pre-School Camp at Shea's Field. Camp will run from June 30th to August 14th. Two sessions will be offered - Monday and Wednesday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. You may sign-up your child for only one session. There will be a limit of 25 children per session.

Campers must be between the ages of 3½ to 5 years and reside in Agawam. Parents **must** provide transportation. If it is raining at 9:00 a.m., Pre-School Camp will be cancelled for the day.

Registration will be conducted at the Agawam Parks and Recreation Office beginning Monday, April 28th to Friday, May 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The registration fee of \$10 for the seven weeks is non-refundable and non-transferable.

The Parks and Recreation Office has been relocated to the rear wing of the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance, follow the signs.

VFW Auxiliary Schedules Breakfast April 6th

Come eat breakfast with us. The VFW 1632 Auxiliary, 194 South Street, Agawam, is cooking eggs to order, ham, bacon and sausages, home fries, coffee, toast and juice.

Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Donation is \$3.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of DONALD L. UGOLINI, AGENT FOR BARBARA TOBIN who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 25 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the creation of a building lot with less than the required frontage at the premises known as 36 MELROSE PLACE.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulske
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Brage Iduna Lodge Plans Supper Meeting

Brage-Iduna Lodge 9, Vasa Order of America, a Swedish-American fraternal and cultural organization, will hold a supper meeting Tuesday, April 8th, in the Recreation Rooms of St. Paul Lutheran Church, corner of Elm Street and Mapleshade Avenue, East Longmeadow.

At 6:30 p.m., a supper featuring Swedish pea soup will be served by the men of the lodge, under the direction of John Lindwall of Wilbraham.

At 7:30 p.m., there will be a business meeting conducted by the lodge chairman, John E. Sjoberg, West Springfield.

Following the meeting, Inger Bolduc, Longmeadow, will show her slides on Norway and a social hour will follow.

Community Grange To Resume Card Parties

Progressive whist card parties will resume after the Easter break at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills, with Ellen Kloster and Frances Fearn in charge.

These parties are held every Thursday evening, starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. All prizes are groceries and refreshments are served at no extra charge.

Inexperienced players are welcome and will soon learn from others who are regular attendants.

Marching Mohawks Plan Annual Paper Drive

Reminder...The Agawam High School Band is holding its Annual Spring Paper Drive at the high school parking lot, April 5th and 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., each day.

Please plan ahead to support your school band's spring competition trip to Virginia Beach.

Clean the house and bring all of your newspapers to the school at that time. Call ahead to get on the pickup list. We will be glad to pick them up.

Call any of the following numbers in advance of the dates: 789-0340, 786-2671, 786-4701, or 786-6106, after 5:30 p.m.

The band thanks all townspeople for their continued support.

Sunday Afternoon Lectures At Historical Museum

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is sponsoring a special series of Sunday afternoon lectures during the month of April. The series will center around four central figures: Edward Taylor, Jonathan Edwards, Emily Dickinson, and Horace Bushnell. Each have contributed to religious changes in the Connecticut Valley. The lectures will take place from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

First in the series will be a lecture presented by Dr. Walter L. Powell, whose program entitled "Edward Taylor's Westfield: A Backdoor Glimpse of a Pastor and His Congregation, 1671-1729," will be presented Sunday, April 6th. Dr. Powell, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, owns an early Westfield deed proved by John

Pynchon in 1687, which he will also display during the lecture.

This event is part of the Springfield Library and Museums Association's on-going celebration of the city of Springfield's 350th anniversary. For information on other 350th events, call 739-3871.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

Garden Club To Host Irene Jensen At Meeting

The April meeting of the Agawam Garden Club will be held Tuesday, April 8th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Speaker for the evening will be Irene Jensen, owner of The Grasshopper Greenery in Southwick.

The program will include slides featuring the unique flower gardens of Egypt and Israel taken during a recent tour.

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Rainbow Has Applications Available

Applications are now available for Camp Rainbow, a day camp for special needs children of Agawam. Applications can be picked up at the Agawam Recreation Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, or at the special education department at your child's school. The camp will be held at Robinson Park School Monday to Friday beginning Tuesday, July 1st, and ending Thursday, August 14th.

Deadline for submitting applications will be on Friday, June 13th. Please return application to the Agawam Recreation Department, now relocated at the Agawam High School, right rear entrance, follow the signs.

Sons Of Norway Plan Spring Dinner Dance

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge 552, will hold its Spring Dinner Dance and installation, Friday, April 4th, at Shaker Farms Country Club on Shaker Road, Westfield, Massachusetts.

There will be a social hour at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00 p.m., with a choice of roast sirloin of beef or baked scrod. Installation is at 8:00 p.m., and dancing will be from 9:00 p.m. to midnight to Ed Hendela's music. The tickets are \$16.50 per person and are available from Claire Guidetti, 786-5635; Egil Nilsson, 568-1874; and Roy Abrahamsen, 567-7993.

Agawam Congregational Ladies Hold Rummage Sale

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold a Rummage Sale at the church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, Friday, April 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Kevin F. Robinson On Duty With Army In Germany

Army Spec. 4 Kevin F. Robinson, son of Ruth R. Warren and stepson of Fred J. Warren of 32 Fordham Avenue, Feeding Hills, has arrived for duty with the Third Infantry Division, West Germany.

Robinson, an armor crew member, is a 1985 graduate of Castleton State College, Vermont.

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 10, 1986, at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Clerk Hearing Room, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act on the petition of Rheo A. Brouillard, to perform work subject to the ACT on 50 Pheasant Run Circle, Feeding Hills, MA.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Published: April 3rd, 1986

Town's Summer Day Camp To Open June 30

Director of Parks & Recreation Jack Kunasek has announced that the summer day camp for Agawam youths only will open Monday, June 30th, and operate for seven weeks, closing Friday, August 15th, at 12:00 noon.

Camp will operate Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, but will not open Friday, July 4th. All campers will bring their lunch, although there will be a Good Humor truck at the site during lunch break.

The day camp replaced the playground system three years ago and has been a complete success. The day-long program will again be based at Shea's Field and the nearby state-maintained swimming pool.

The camp will offer a full slate of daily activities, including tennis instruction, arts and crafts, active and passive games, and instructional sports. Field trips will also be conducted weekly.

Inclement weather days are built into the summer program. If at 8:00 a.m. we are receiving unchanging steady rain, there will be no camp for that total day. It will be announced on radio station WMAS by 8:15 a.m.

If during the day we receive summer showers, we will remain open. If heavy rain continues, the children who take the bus will be bussed home without notice, others must be picked up. If still in doubt, call the recreation office. Rain days are not re-scheduled.

This program is not a built-in babysitting service. If

an unforeseen problem arises, campers will be sent home immediately!

A limit of 200 campers per week between the ages of 6½ - 15 will be accepted. The seven-week program will cost \$75 with transportation and \$50 without. The three-week program will be \$50 with transportation and \$30 without. The two-week program will cost \$35 with transportation and \$20 without.

Busses will run along the main routes in town for those who wish transportation. Stops will be designated at a later date and printed in this local paper the same as the school bus schedule.

Registration forms will be available in the Parks & Recreation Office beginning Monday, April 28th to Friday, May 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a \$10 reduction for every child after the first registered per family. The camp fee is payable at registration and is non-refundable and non-transferable.

If your child is suspended from camp for disciplinary reasons, camp fee is still non-refundable. You will receive prior notice of a problem.

The Parks & Recreation Office has been relocated to the rear wing of the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance, follow the signs.

Veterans Committee Planning Town's Memorial Day

The Agawam Veterans Memorial Committee is in the process of planning the town's annual Memorial Day Observance.

Chairwoman this year is Veterans Service Director/Agent, Ruth Bitzas; Secretary/Treasurer, Dianne Moreau; and Parade Marshall, Edward Hottin of American Legion Post 185.

Again, this year Honorary Parade Marshall is World War I veteran Harold Channell.

Applications Available For Junior Women's Arts Festival

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is accepting applications from artists and craftspeople who wish to participate in the Annual Arts and Crafts Festival, Saturday, June 7th, and Sunday, June 8th, on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

Craftspeople interested in reserving a space for the show may contact Mary Cincotta, 786-2773, or Kathy Wilson, 786-2067.

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Local La Leche League To Meet April 21st

Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies will find encouragement and information at the Agawam-West Springfield La Leche League. There will be a morning and an evening meeting each month.

The next morning meeting is Monday, April 21st, at 10:00 a.m., at 2284 Westfield Street, West Springfield. The evening meeting is Monday, April 14th, at 8:00 p.m., at 1244 Westfield Street, West Springfield. Nursing babies are welcome.

The league offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding*. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding.

For further information, call Sue, 732-9256, or Jeanne, 739-7923.

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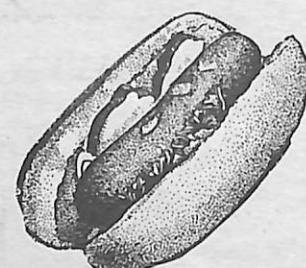
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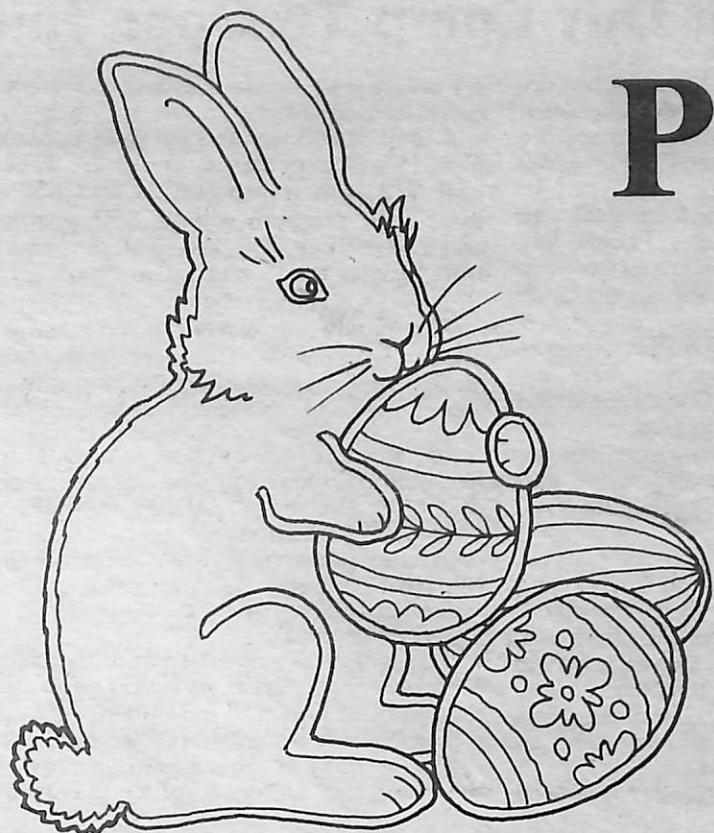
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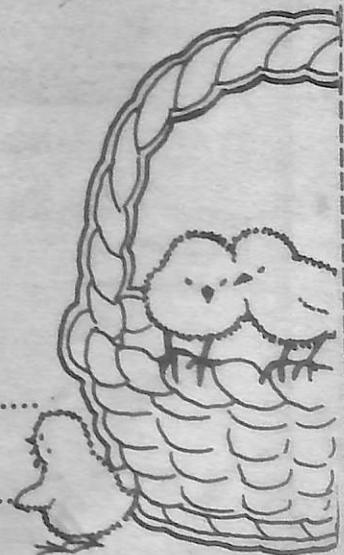
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**PHILM
REVIEW**

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

Latest Releases Not Very Impressive Viewing

Crossroads: 2½ STARS

This drama deals with a 17 year-old guitarist (Ralph Macchio) who learns how to play the blues from an elderly harmonica player (Joe Seneca) as the two of them hobo their way along the Mississippi Delta.

Directed by Walter Hill (*Brewster's Millions*), *Crossroads* is an interesting depiction of the music and culture of America's Deep South. Moreover, the film gains a great deal of strength from well-acted and poignant performances by Macchio (*The Karate Kid*) and Seneca (*Silverado*).

Unfortunately, *Crossroads* suffers from a flaw that's inherent in its story. The title of the picture refers to a place in Mississippi where bluesmen sell their soul to the Devil in order to ensure themselves successful careers, and Macchio's character eventually runs into the Evil One at these "crossroads."

This aspect of the plot is, in itself, the weakest and least developed part of the movie, and its spiritual quality is out of step with the gritty, down-to-earth atmosphere that pervades the entire film.

Eleni: 2½ STARS

Based on a true story, this picture focuses on a New York Times reporter named Nicholas Gage (John Malkovich) who travels to his homeland of Greece in order to learn who was responsible for the murder of his mother (Kate Nelligan) during the Greek Civil War of 1948-49.

Despite having an emotionally-charged plot and an outstanding, heartfelt performance by Nelligan (*Without A Trace*) as the title character, *Eleni* is far from being a first-rate and thoroughly engaging drama.

The film is comprised of contemporary scenes that focus on Gage's investigation and flashbacks of post-World War II Greece, and each of these portions is plagued by its own particular problem.

The contemporary scenes lack the proper amount of

emotional impact because of Malkovich's (*Places in the Heart*) inadequate performance. The character of Nicholas Gage is a bitter man who is out to avenge his mother's long-ago murder, but Malkovich's acting is too laid-back and stoic to do a credible job of bringing his role to life.

Meanwhile, the flashbacks do not fare much better. The Greek Civil War is not one of the more widely known events of this century, and yet, the movie fails to provide us with enough historical information about this period of strife to make this portion of the story truly intriguing and easy to follow.

Gung Ho: 2 STARS

An amiable but inconsistent comedy that tells what happens when a group of Japanese executives take over a once-prosperous automobile plant in a small Pennsylvania city.

Gung Ho features a number of very funny moments and some fine performances, particularly by Michael Keaton (*Johnny Dangerously*) as the liaison between the Japanese management and the American workers, and George Wendt (the TV sitcom *Cheers*) as the auto plant's most uncouth employee.

However, the film's humorous qualities are offset by director Ron Howard's (*Cocoon*) nagging tendency to step onto the proverbial soapbox and provide lectures on the current state of American industry. Throughout *Gung Ho*, Howard uses the characters and their situations to preach his views on management-labor relations, unemployment, and how countries (such as the United States and Japan) can learn things from one another.

Besides adding an unnecessary somberness to the story, these instances of sermonizing go against one of the reasons why many moviegoers stand in line for lighthearted comedies. People see pictures such as *Gung Ho* in order to temporarily forget about the realities of today's ever-present problems, and not to be glaringly reminded of them.

Highlander: 1 STAR

An inept fantasy adventure about two immortal men (Christopher Lambert, Clancy Brown) who first fought each other on the Highlands of Scotland in the 1500's and are determined to end their centuries-old rivalry in present-day New York.

Although it has an interesting premise, *Highlander* ultimately turns into a dull, silly mishmash under the unsteady auspices of director Russell Mulcahy, a creator of music videos who made his directorial debut two years ago with an Australian thriller titled *Razorback*. (Anyone who has HBO might have been unlucky enough to catch this fiasco about a gigantic, man-eating pig a couple of months back.)

With the exception of some good performances on

the part of a few members of the supporting cast (including Sean Connery in an all-too-brief appearance as a third immortal fellow), the acting in *Highlander* is dreadful. Lambert (*Greystoke*) and Brown (*The Bride*) are embarrassing to watch, and by the end of the movie, we don't give a hoot as to who becomes the victor of the 400 year-old conflict.

House: 1 STAR

The macabre blends with the mirthful in this tale of a horror novelist (William Katt) who moves into the haunted abode of his recently deceased aunt.

House occasionally manages to be entertaining as it provides some scenes which are either genuinely funny or efficiently frightening. One the whole, however, the film is nothing more than a B-movie that has incompetent direction, cheesy special effects, and a plot which contains too many holes.

9½ Weeks: 0 STARS

This is, without a doubt, one of the most worthless pictures to hit the silver screen in recent years.

The story centers on a chic art dealer (Kim Basinger) who falls in love with a mysterious man (Mickey Rourke), but there is nothing in the film that makes this relationship worthy of our attention.

The dialogue is scant and sometimes nonsensical, there isn't an iota of human emotion to be found anywhere, and Basinger's (*Never Say Never Again*) character is but a sex object that is constantly abused and humiliated throughout the course of the film.

While Basinger and Rourke (*The Year of the Dragon*) deserve credit for doing the best they can with their thankless roles, director Adrian Lyne (*Flashdance*) should be ashamed of himself.

His idea of what makes romance erotic borders on the obscene, and this deplorable quality — combined with Lyne's gaudy style of filmmaking — give *9½ Weeks* the look of both a pornographic movie and a self-indulgent, overlong music video.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

Crossroads: Although it contains some strong profanity, this R-rated picture should have received a PG-13 rating instead.

Eleni: Rated R for adult themes and some intense violence.

Gung Ho: Rated PG-13 for mature humor and situations.

Highlander: Rated R for some graphic violence and brief nudity.

House: Rated R for the intensity of some of its scary scenes.

9½ Weeks: Rated R for nudity and the highly adult nature of its sexual situations.

If you have a family member or friend has done something special, or if you have had a special family outing, it belongs in our popular column "More Friends and Neighbors."

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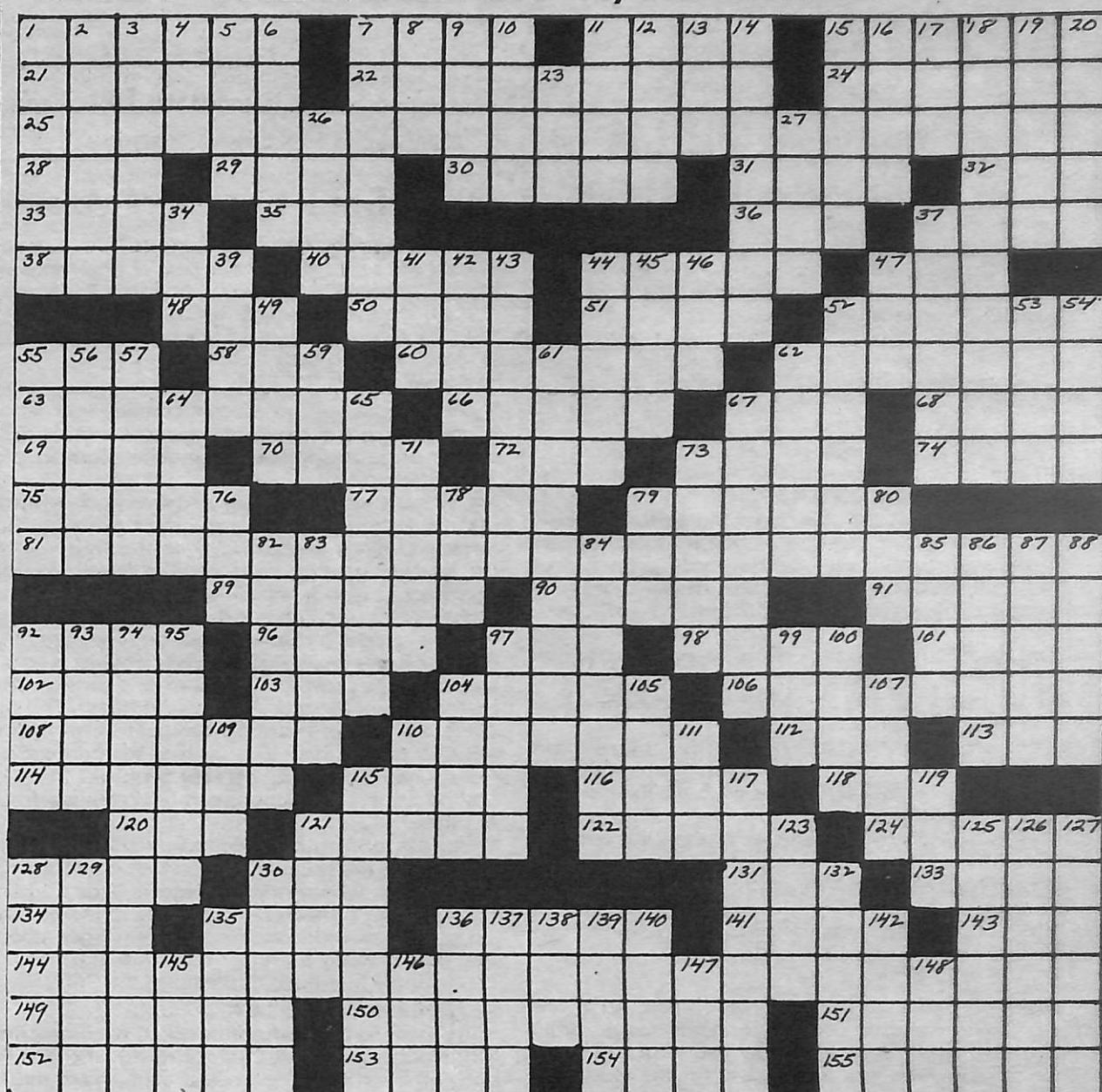
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Antique Doll Expert To Speak At Historical Museum

Wilma Trepp of Longmeadow, antique doll expert, will share her knowledge of collecting antique dolls and their history for History Sandwiched In, a monthly lunchtime lecture series, Thursday, April 10th, from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Mrs. Trepp's interest in antique dolls stems from a love of historical things. In recent years, the most sought after dolls in our country have been Early American dolls. As part of our American traditions, dolls belonged to the days in which our ancestors were struggling to create a new society.

Mrs. Trepp will discuss the importance dolls hold in representing history. Her lecture will be of interest to doll collectors, doll makers, and designers.

The audience is invited to bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be served.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

Middle School Completes Phase I Of Music Program

The "Musician in the Classroom" program at Agawam Middle School completed the first phase of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra performances for Agawam students.

Each of the sixth grade classes at the middle school were treated to an informal session by a member of the orchestra, accompanied by a visual artist, to kick-off the collaboration program "Visualizing Music," which was funded by the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the cooperating school systems of Agawam, Chicopee, Ludlow, and Southwick.

The three days of presentations included visits by a percussionist, a tuba player and a flutist, in demonstrating a process that can make music a visual medium as well as an aural one.

The second phase of the program will be held at the middle school, Wednesday, April 2nd, when a mixed ensemble from the orchestra will perform for the same sixth grade students in a longer program. The final phase will be a full concert at Symphony Hall in May when the entire sixth grade will be transported to the program.



SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA members Katherine Sanderson and Steve Perry conducted a program at the Agawam Middle School as part of the "Musician in the Classroom" series sponsored by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra for local school systems. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

East Longmeadow Theatre To Present *Guys & Dolls*

The East Longmeadow Community Theatre will be presenting its spring production of *Guys and Dolls*, April 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th, at 8:00 p.m. at Birchland Park School, Hanward Hill, East Longmeadow.

Admission is \$5; students and senior citizens, \$4. All

seats are reserved and may be obtained at the door or by calling 525-6190 or 525-1597.

The Frank Loesser musical is directed by Jerry Rubin and cast members include Scott McKean and Holly Jo Pearson, Frank Rudolph, and Virginia Morgan.

Westfield Theatre Group To Perform "Oliver"

Westfield Theatre Group's spring musical *Oliver* opens April 11th. Other performance dates are: April 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, and 26th. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m., at the Westfield Woman's Club. The lead in the play is Walter Komonowski of Feeding Hills as the Artful Dodger.

Based on the Charles Dickens novel *Oliver Twist*, this heart-warming musical includes such favorite songs as "Consider Yourself", "Where is Love", "Who Will Buy," and "As Long As He Needs Me."

Directed by Denise Boutin, Westfield Theatre Group's *Oliver* has been selected to open Springfield's Sundays in the Park performing arts series this summer.

Tickets are available at the Travel Bureau of Westfield and Southwick Travel and Tourist, or by calling 732-6951 or 788-7910. Special group rates and fundraising programs are available.

Thomas Conlin Art Exhibit At Agawam Library

Now at the Agawam Public Library, an exhibition of oil paintings, pen and ink drawing, and pastels by artist Thomas Conlin of Agawam.

The exhibit is on view in the library gallery, March 31st to May 10th. It is co-sponsored by the Agawam Arts Council.

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French Art, Songs, Films Focus Of Museum Program

Would you like to take your family to Paris? The trip is closer (and cheaper) than you thought! French Impressions will treat all Francophiles to a variety of French art, songs, films, pastries, and theatre tours on April 6th and 13th, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., at the Museum of Fine Arts, located on the Quadrangle in Springfield.

The "Something Every Sunday Programs" are free thanks to generous support from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

You can "rendez-vous" in a French cafe and have the opportunity to purchase delectable pastries. Pay a visit to two "living" artists, the medieval painter known as the Master MM, and then meet 19th-century Impressionist painter Claude Monet. Create your own masterpiece in the style of great French artists, watch a fabulous film festival, view the Museum's French collection, take a theatre tour with Northampton actress Sheryl Stoodley, and, in the midst of all this, take a seat in the auditorium from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., to hear Josee Vachon, chanteuse (singer) from Northampton, entertain you with delightful French melodies.

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AHS Show Choir Rehearsing For "Broadway Review"

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Fresh from its first place victory in the University of New Hampshire Jazz Festival March 22nd, the Agawam High School Show Choir is currently rehearsing for the Music Department's bi-annual "Broadway Review."

Under the guidance of vocal music director Stephen Files, the 38-member group has won first place honors five out of six years it has attended the competition.

Files points out that two numbers, which the group performed in competition, will be featured in this year's Broadway Review. These are a medley from *A Chorus Line* and "Celebration" from the television show, *Fame*.

Produced every other year between musicals, the 90-minute extravaganza not only showcases the talents of students, but also materials which comprise the main thrust of the show choir program.

Files reports that, this year, the show will take place Thursday and Friday, April 17th and 18th, at 7:30 p.m., in the senior high auditorium.

Some of the scheduled renditions include "We Go Together," from *Grease*; "Memory," *Cats*; "Somewhere," *West Side Story*, "Fiddler on the Roof"; and a medley of Gershwin tunes.

Moreover, he relates that, as a special highlight, the 45-member chorale will join the show choir for two numbers.

Files acknowledges the assistance of Margo Poulin, artist director, Bob Sands, lighting designer, Linda Groom and Beth Tyrian, student choreographers, and Andrea Donabed, University of Massachusetts dance major, for their invaluable aid in the show's production.

Files points out that as a warm-up to the "Broadway Review," the show choir will participate in the first annual Waltham Invitational Show Choir Festival, Saturday, April 12th.

The award-winning group will then travel to New York where they will perform at two area high schools in May. As a special highlight of their three-day trip, the show choir will visit Broadway where they will view the musical *Cats*.

Files states that he is confident this year's "Broadway Review" will be as successful as those in the past.

He advises residents to arrive early to ensure good seating. Tickets, which are \$3, may be purchased at the door or can be reserved by telephoning 789-1400, extension 410.

"I'd especially like to thank the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council, whose financial aid has helped make large-scale musical programs possible once more at AHS," he remarks.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND held a carwash fun-draiser at the Agawam Middle School, Saturday, March 29th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

James Clark PTO Honors Teachers

On Thursday, March 27th, the James Clark PTO held "Teacher Appreciation Day."

Each teacher was presented with a boutonniere at the start of the day.

A special luncheon was given in their honor. James Clark parents took the teachers' classes during lunch hour.

Many thanks to the James Clark parents who volunteered their time or donated baked goods or food to make this a special day for the teachers.

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Phelps First Graders Learning Joys Of Being An Author

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

For most aspiring authors, the prospect of being published is a dream-come-true.

First grade pupils of Sylvia Sullivan at Phelps School are experiencing the thrill of "publication" as they participate in a book writing project which correlates with their language arts curriculum.

Initiated in January, the idea originated from a teachers' workshop Miss Sullivan attended in Wilbraham.

She points out that her 22 students are encouraged to write freely about any topic as a means of applying and strengthening language and reading skills. Each student works at his/her own pace and ability level.

"Writing is a continuous project which never stops from fall until school closes in my classroom. Students may write as many or as few books as they desire, although enthusiasm increases as each completed story nears 'publication,'" she remarks.

Miss Sullivan explains that after a student completes their story, she helps them to edit it for grammar, spelling and punctuation mistakes.

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Next, the corrected copies are rewritten by students on blank pages with space reserved for illustrations.

She then cuts two 6"x9" pieces of white board which she masks together to form book covers.

Utilizing a sewing machine, she stitches each story onto the masking tape joining the covers together.

In the final stage of publication, colored duct tape is applied as a binding to the outside edge of each book.

Miss Sullivan states that throughout the project, quality is stressed rather than quantity.

"Some students have completed as many as 11 books, while others have written only one or two. I continually stress that the project is not a contest. Rather, I urge students to do their very best work whether writing their stories or drawing illustrations, she comments.

Favorite subjects of the young authors include family members, pets, school, special interests, and current events. Most stories are brief, while others are quite imaginative.

150 Books To Be Completed

Miss Sullivan says she expects her pupils to have completed a total of 150 books by the end of the school year. She relates that students, who begin their writing first period each morning, become so involved in the project that they request more time during the day to work on their books.

Moreover, classmates help each other with writing skills and enjoy sharing their stories with one another.

The 21-year teacher relates that each student's developmental progress in writing is clearly evident when viewing books written in early January compared to those currently underway.

"Most early books are very immature whereas now they are becoming more sophisticated," she notes.

Miss Sullivan believes the project has been both successful and worthwhile.

"From animals to boxes, the titles have been amazing, while the stories are simply adorable. I definitely intend to repeat the project with my future classes," she declares.

Laughing Brook Sponsors Special Children's Workshop

The Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, is sponsoring a workshop for children called "Mammals, Birds & Reptiles: From the Inside Out," Saturday, April 12th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, April 9th.

This hands-on workshop will give children the chance to investigate skulls and bones of mammals, birds, and reptiles; to learn their distinguishing features; and to identify at least a dozen species.

Instructing "Mammals, Birds & Reptiles: From the Inside Out" will be Carol Cady, graduate student in zoology and a Laughing Brook volunteer.

"Mammals, Birds & Reptiles: From the Inside Out" is open to the public and a fee of \$4 for non-members and \$3 for MAS members is charged.

For more information, contact Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

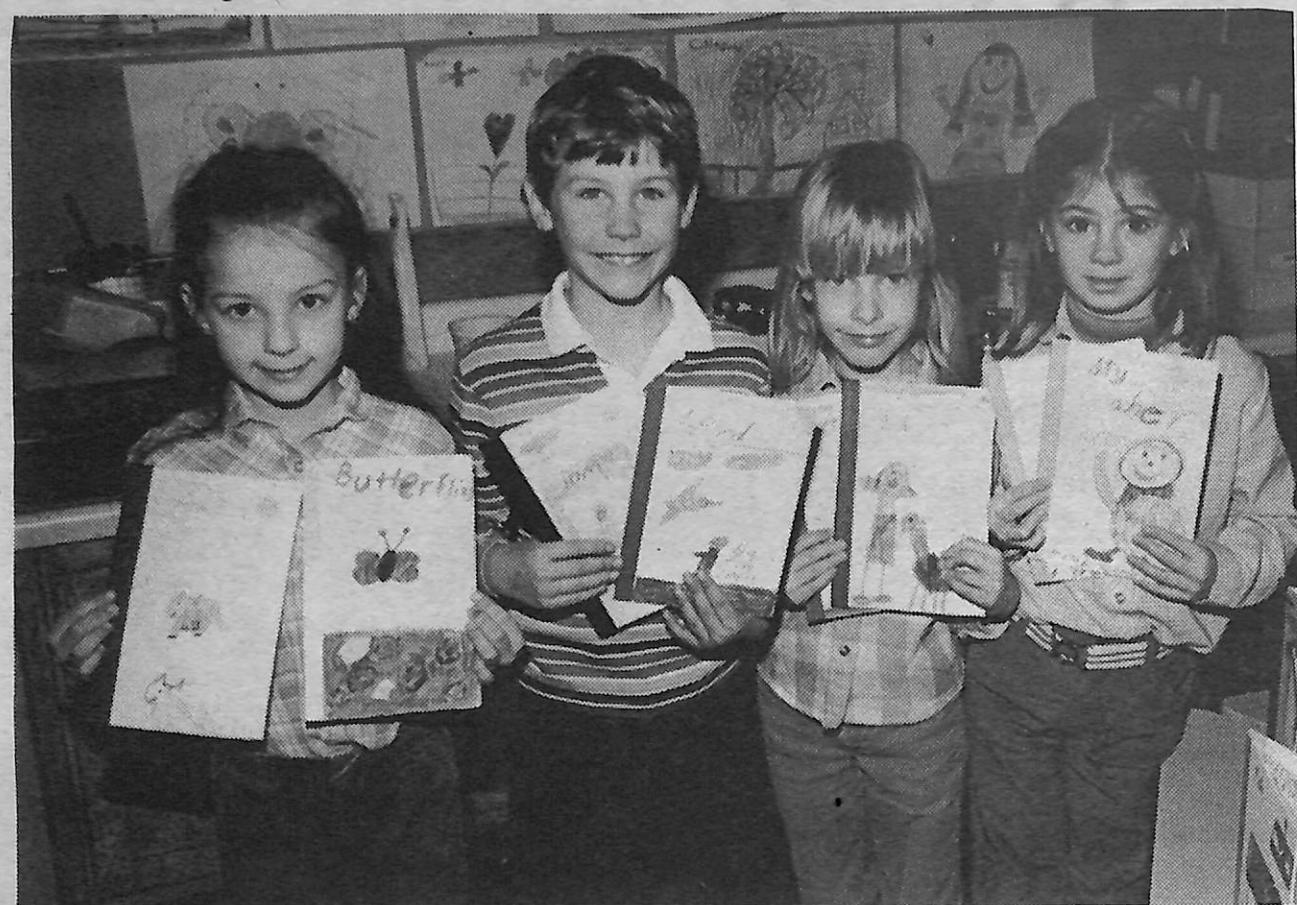
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PHELPS SCHOOL FIRST GRADERS, from left - Cindi Alfano, Tim Davis, Tara Grealis, and Tracy Landry are quite proud of their mini-novels which are part of a language arts learning unit. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PROVING TO EVERYONE THAT EVEN first graders can be authors are Phelps School students, from left - Bethany Bowrys, Sharon Chicklas, Lauren Welsh, Michael Forastiere, and Todd Jorgensen. The language arts learning unit is being conducted by teacher Sylvia Sullivan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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HAPPE Committee Raffle



AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEW PUBLISHER RICHARD M. SARDELLA draws winning names in the HAPPE Committee's fundraising raffle as project chairwoman Nancy Melbourne (right) and Debbie Chechile look on. Winners were Ann O'Connell, Edythe Coughlin, G. Beaton, Pat Benoit, Johh Grayon, and Darilynn Nardi.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Beginning With Birds" At Laughing Brook

The Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring the program "Beginning With Birds" on three alternate

Saturdays — April 12th, April 26th, and May 10th, from 7:00 a.m. to noon. The program is geared for adults.

Beginning With Birds is for those people who would like to learn more about birds and birding. Three half-day field sessions will take participants to three different sites under the "wing" of an experienced birder and teacher.

The first session will cover the use of binoculars, an update on the recent explosion in birding guides, and what field marks to look for. Participants should dress for the weather. Bring binoculars and field guides. Directions to the field trip sites will be sent after registration is received.

Beginning With Birds is to be taught by birding specialist Jim Cavanaugh.

Beginning With Birds is open to the public and a fee is charged. Fees are \$20 for non-members and \$16 for MAS members.

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Clark School PTO Officers



OFFICERS FOR THE CLARK SCHOOL PTO held a meeting recently and as usual, cameraman Jack Devine just happened to be in the neighborhood to take a shot of several of the officers at the meeting. From left - Gail Curnow, teacher representative; Shirley Lertora, teacher representative; Janet Parslow, vice-president; and Kathy Dumas, president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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6th-7th Grade Girls Leaping Into Spring At Middle School

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Sixth and seventh grade girls at the Agawam Middle School are literally leaping into spring!

For the past month, approximately 60 young ladies have participated in the school's first intramural gymnastics program.

Held after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., the program, which is funded by the school's Parent Teacher Organization, is being conducted by Agawam High School varsity gymnastics coach Laura Bruso. Assisting her are AHS varsity gymnastics team members Jackie Provost, Elizabeth Marzano, and Kim Gamble.

School Principal Ralph Zavarella says the intramural program, which will conclude in three weeks, was initiated not only as a means of filling the void between fall and spring athletic programs, but also as a means of developing student interest in after-school extracurricular activities.

Miss Bruso explains that she is basically stressing floor exercises and vaults during the seven-week introductory program.

Besides trying their skills on the balance beam, the girls are learning how to control their bodies so that they can perform various feats.

According to her, although most gymnasts begin lessons at a much younger age, it is never too late for an interested student to start in a beginner's program.

Both Zavarella and Miss Bruso hope the program will be able to continue next year due to the interest and enthusiasm displayed by this year's participants.

The two-year varsity coach relates that tentative plans for a fundraiser are being discussed in order to purchase additional equipment for next year.

Zavarella notes that while girls are enjoying intramural gymnastics, their male counterparts are participating in an intramural wrestling program, directed by AHS varsity wrestling coach Phil Tomkiel.

"Our main aim was to give students, who may otherwise be unable to afford private lessons, an opportunity to participate in both sports. Response has been excellent, even though students must provide their own transportation home. We're very grateful to our PTO for making it all possible," states Zavarella.

L.P.V.E.C. Plans Vocational Open House

Agawam, Southwick, and West Springfield students and their parents will have the opportunity to explore the vocational opportunities available through the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, Tuesday evening, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m.

Parents and students are invited to visit the agribusiness/horticulture, building trades, electronic technology, fashion design, food service, graphic arts, and nursing assistant programs at Mile Tree School, 625 Main Street in Wilbraham, as well as the auto body repair and automotive mechanics program at the Auto Trades Building, 380 Main Street, Wilbraham.

Information about the metal machining program, housed at East Longmeadow High School, will also be available at Mile Tree.

Those who visit will have an opportunity to meet with the individual program instructors, see the facilities, and discover how the programs are designed and implemented.

Refreshments will be served and the program is open to the public.

For further information, please call Dr. David Robin, 596-8008, during school hours.



LEARNING SOME BASIC floor exercises during the Agawam Middle School's first intramural gymnastics program, are, from left - Tanya Hance and Jill Robb. The introductory, seven-week program is held twice a week and is coached by Agawam High varsity gymnastics coach Laura Bruso. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SIXTH GRADERS, from left - Jennifer Domainque, Tammy Washburn, and Wendy Flebotte stretch their muscles in preparation for work on the balance beam and horse. Approximately 60 young ladies are participating in the extra-curricular program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, April 7th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, buttered mixed vegetables, mustard, relish, catsup, spiced applesauce, milk.

Tuesday, April 8th: Orange juice, toasted pepperoni and cheese sandwich in roll, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, pudding with whip topping, milk.

Wednesday, April 9th: Hamburg and gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered waxed beans, whole wheat bread and butter, fig oatmeal cookies, milk.

Thursday, April 10th: Oven roasted chicken, buttered diced carrots, oven roasted potatoes, dinner roll with butter, ice cream, milk.

Friday, April 11th: $\frac{1}{2}$ day of school. No lunches served.

Sunday Programs For Families In April At Laughing Brook

Sunday Afternoons For Families will continue for the month of April at Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden. These programs are offered every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., as a way of encouraging families to enjoy exploring the outdoors together. The following programs will be offered:

April 6th: Turtles and Snakes - Springtime marks the emergence of our New England reptiles after months of winter sleep. Join us for a slide program describing the turtles and snakes of our region. Afterwards, we will visit up close with several turtles and Laughing Brook's black rat snake.

April 13th: Life in a Drop Of Water - April's warm weather and spring rains bring about an explosion of life in the streams and ponds of New England. These tiny areas are located with tiny creatures so small that, without a magnifying glass and sharp eyes, you might never notice them. Armed with strainers and boots we will search the swampy areas of Laughing Brook for the fascinating creepy-crawlies that are so important to nature's food chains.

April 20th: Flutterbies & Butterflies - Butterflies and moths are a sure sign that the re-awakening of spring is in full swing. Brilliantly colored or camouflaged, these winged insects with their long curled tongues for sipping nectar, are a joy to watch. Join us in learning about these and other fluttering insects of spring.

April 27th: April Showers - April, with its wind, rain, and warming temperatures, is a perfect time to study the weather. Join us for a look at clouds and some experiments designed to help learn about weather. Remember, that April showers bring...

Library's Storytime Has Few Vacancies Left

While the Agawam Library's April preschool storytime is filled to capacity, a few openings remain in the four-week Wednesday series, beginning May 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Teacher Appreciation Day At Clark School



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A LUNCH FOR THE TEACHERS, courtesy of the James Clark PTO. From left - Marjorie Greenough, Beverly DeGeorge, Sheryl Mardeusz, Principal Smith Rovelli, Gail Curnow, Jane Robinson, Beverly Goodwin, and Laura Lewis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Dinosaur Days Coming To Science Museum

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Dinosaur Rock is the story of Professor Jones, a scientist with magical powers who meets two children at the beach. Out of the sand he conjures up **Dinah Diplodocus, Stella Stegosaurus, The Hadrosaur from Hackensack, a couple of Leapin' Lizards, and The Tiny Little Babies and The Great Big Momma.**

The dinosaurs themselves reveal the secrets of life in prehistoric times. Children learn about the terrible Tyrannosaurus rex, rex, rex, and how to dance the **Sauropod Swing**. They discover how the dinosaurs evolved in **They All Came from the Sea** and how they became extinct in **Where Did Everybody Go?**

Dinosaur Rock's creators, Michele Valeri and Michael Stein, worked with a paleontologist from the Smithsonian Institution to be sure the show is scientifically accurate. Their creative collaboration resulted in a program of songs and skits ranging in style from swing to bluegrass to rock n' roll. The music from this delightful performance was released as a record album in 1984, and the program has been sent to the Smithsonian, the Boston Museum of Science, and other museum around the country.

In addition to this special show, dinosaur fans can also take a journey back through the ages to the time when dinosaurs ruled the earth in *The Planet of the Dinosaurs*, a brand new planetarium program developed just for Dinosaur Days 1986. There will also be dinosaur films and crafts for ticket holders, strolling two-legged dinosaurs, dinosaur items in the Museum Shop, and refreshments.

Tickets for *Dinosaur Rock* and *Planet of the Dinosaurs* are on sale now. *Dinosaur Rock* performances are \$1 for children and \$2 for adults. Show times are 12:30, 2:00 and 3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 19th, and at 1:00 and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 20th, in the Museum of Fine Arts Auditorium.

Planet of the Dinosaurs tickets are being sold at the regular planetarium fee of 50 cents for children and \$1.00 for adults. *Planet of the Dinosaurs* will be repeated five times each afternoon in the museum's planetarium.

Please note that tickets must be purchased in advance. Because of the tremendous popularity of *Dinosaur Days*, no tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are available at the Science Museum Monday to Saturday, from noon to 4:00 p.m. For more information about this special event, call 733-1194, extension 322 or 323.

James Clark PTO Thanks Detective James Frantz

The James Clark PTO would like to thank Agawam Detective James Frantz for speaking at its PTO meeting held Wednesday, March 19th.

Frantz is with the Agawam Police Department. His topic was "Rape Prevention."

He presented a chart listing character traits as well as methods of operation found in rapists.

Detective Frantz also explained the role of police, handling of the victim, and apprehension of the offender.

At the end of his presentation, he had the audience participate in a brainstorm session. Ideas were shared on ways to protect oneself when approached by an attacker, either at home or on the street.

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AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS, from left - Lori Zukowski, Tonya Day, Pam Wells, and Paul Petell are about to make homemade tacos during lunchtime at the school last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MUNCHING AWAY at their tacos at the junior high last week are students, from left - Debbie Albano, Kerry Long, and Claudine Nofall. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Springfield Technical Community College President Andrew M. Scibelli and board of trustees Chairwoman Mary Ann Gioscia announced today that William E. Cummings of Springfield and Louis V. Fusaro, Jr., of East Longmeadow have been re-appointed by Governor Michael Dukakis to the STCC Board of Trustees. Mr. Cummings and Mr. Fusaro were sworn in this week, to serve five-year terms. Melissa A. Holman, a first-year student at STCC, was recently elected as student trustee, to begin a one-year term beginning July 1st.

A 1972 graduate of Agawam High School, Ms. Holman has spent the intervening years as one of very few women working in area machine shops. Feeling that there would be minimum growth potential as yet for a woman in this field, she applied to STCC.

Ms. Holman is currently enrolled in STCC's General Studies Division, in a pre-technology course of study. She hopes to enter the computer maintenance program next year.

As the student trustee, Ms. Holman will meet monthly with the board of trustees, which is the local governing body of the college. The current student trustee, serving until June 30th, is Edward A. Williamson.

As a student, Ms. Holman is joining five other members of her family on campus. A younger sister is enrolled in the General Studies program, preparing to apply to the nursing program. An older sister, already an L.P.N., is studying in the Nursing Division to obtain an R.N. Ms. Holman's sister-in-law and two nieces are also students at STCC.

AIC To Host Women's International Network

American International College will host a Women's International Network meeting on "Stress At Work: Is Your Job Making You Sick?" Monday, April 14th. This informative discussion will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the Schwartz Campus Center Auditorium.

Many people experience some form of stress in their jobs. There are several situations that cause different types of stress at work. Physical stress can be caused by bad ventilation, overcrowding, or maybe an unsafe working environment.

Discrimination, tight monitoring, lack of recognition and respect, or shiftwork might cause social stress. Personal stress can be caused by making too many commitments, a poorly planned workload, or interactions with others.

In the April WIN meeting, Myra Hindus will discuss the stress response and some strategies that you can start using immediately to ease the stress at work.

There is a \$4 fee if you pay in advance or a \$5 charge at the door. For more information, contact AIC's Continuing Education and Graduate Studies Department, 737-7000, extension 325.

Local Students' Art Featured At Elms

Artwork by students from Feeding Hills is part of an exhibit at Borgia Gallery, Elms College, March 23rd to April 14th.

In celebration of "Youth Art Month," the public may view 100 pieces executed by students from grades one to twelve. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., weekdays.

Students participating are Joseph Gaylor, Michael Rose, Karen Bottasso, from Granger School and Robinson Park School, Agawam.

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Women In Transition Offered At HCC

The Women in Transition Program (WIT), a college re-entry program for adult women at Holyoke Community College, continues to expand. Beginning next fall, women interested in continuing their education may do so with evening classes offered through the Women in Transition Program and the College's Division of Continuing Education. Up until now, classes have been offered only to WIT students enrolled in the Day Division.

"We've decided to add evening classes to the Women in Transition Program to enable women who work or who are at home with young children during the day to continue their education," says Jean Goodwin, WIT director. "We've had an increasing demand for this type of scheduling and we're very pleased to be able to accommodate more women in the program. Our enrollments overall continue to increase every semester."

The Women in Transition Program eases the transition back to the classroom for adult women by allowing for flexible schedules and by offering many types of supports, such as peer counseling and career development.

The addition of an evening program is a further example of how WIT seeks to meet the needs of all the area's women who wish to resume their education.

Adult women interested in beginning or continuing their education at HCC during the day or evening are invited to attend one of three open houses sponsored by the Women in Transition Program. The informal sessions will be held Monday, April 7th, Tuesday, April 29th, and Tuesday, May 13th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Women's Center, Room 233, Frost Building.

During the open house, Mrs. Goodwin and WIT staff members will outline more specifically what the WIT Program offers, how it works, and make available several women who are currently enrolled or are graduates of the program. They will discuss their own experiences in returning to the classroom.

Women interested in attending one of the sessions are asked to notify the Women in Transition Office that they plan to attend, 538-7000, extension 346, though any woman who has not done so will be welcome. Those attending are under no obligation to register for the program.

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AHS Band-Colorguard Invited To Washington

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks Band and Colorguard have been invited to represent Massachusetts in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C., July 4th, along with a parade in Philadelphia, July 3rd.

A phone call was received from the parade committee last week indicating that they would very much like to have the Agawam High group to represent Massachusetts for this event. The committee usually selects one band from each state to take part in the event and most years have included as many as 30-40 states in the July 4th event.

Band Director Darcy Davis feels that the group's impressive success in parade competition this past year was a significant factor in the invitation.

In four competitive parade events since September this year, the Marching Mohawks have taken a first place in every one. These included the Springfield Columbus Day with first place trophies for both band and color guard; the Bloomfield, Connecticut Tri-centennial Parade which offered \$6,000 in prize money for high school bands, attracting some of the best bands from Connecticut; the State and New England Parade Championship held at the Quincy Christmas Parade; and the Worcester St. Patrick's Day Parade last month.

The prospects for attendance at this year's parade in Washington are not too good, with the group working hard to complete transportation money to the Virginia Beach "Dixie Band Classic" in May, in addition to individual students' costs of over \$100 per person. Buses to Virginia will cost over \$7,000.

Davis has informed the parade committee that their invitation will be considered, but another year might be better for the AHS group to put into their schedule.

Memorial Comm. Has Poster, Essay Contest

The Agawam Veterans Memorial Committee's Poster and Essay Contest will be sponsored by local service organizations V.F.W. Post 1632, American Legion Post 185, and D.A.V. Chapter 55.

This year's theme will be "Why The Living Should Pay Tribute." Posters may be submitted by students of the Agawam Middle School, and Agawam Junior High students are encouraged to submit their essays.

First prize will be \$25; second, \$15; and third prize, \$10. There will also be two "honorable mentions" selected.

Winners must be present at Agawam's Memorial Day Exercises to collect prize money. If winner is not present, that award will be presented to the next winning entry. We must emphasize that there can be no exceptions.

In order to allow ample time for the committee to select finalists, we are requesting posters and essays be ready for pick-up at the schools on May 2nd.

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Stefanik Wins Riverside's Record Opener

Rosati Places Third

About 7,500 fans, the largest crowd in the history of Riverside Park Speedway, witnessed the first event in Nascar Winston Racing Series at the brand new speedway, in Agawam, Saturday, March 29th.

A record breaking field of Modifieds and Street Stocks were in attendance.

Defending track champion John Rosati of Agawam started on the pole to lead the first 75 laps of the Modified feature in the Southwick Motors Pontiac.

A lap car became the deciding factor, forcing Rosati out of the groove. He lost his impressive lead to Mike Stefanik of Greenwich, Rhode Island. Stefanik had the Clint Hanks-owned, Fred Felton-built Cavalier. Stefanik then held on to lead until lap 92 when Dick Houlihan spun in water off turn four. This jammed the leader. Rosati and Bob Polverari managed to get by. However, the scorers went back to the last completed lap, which put Stefanik into the lead. Stefanik held on for the victory, worth \$1600.

Additional challenges came in the early laps from Reggie Ruggiero driving the Greci Cavalier, but a mechanical problem forced him out early.

Other impressive challenges and runs were turned in by Stan Greger with the Febbreillo/Norgaard Oldsmobile and Polverari in the West Hartford Tool & Die Plymouth. Both finished second and third, respectively. Fourth went to Rosati and fifth was S.J. Evanson, driving the Diamond Const Cavalier.

Rounding out the top 10 were Jack Lecuyer, Jeff Fuller, Dick Houlihan, and Alan McClure. Heats all were sponsored by Budweiser, paying \$1200 in Bud Bonus Cash from the Eagle Snacks line. Heats were won by Wayne Anderson, Bob Polverari, Jack Lecuyer, and Dan Avery.

Stefanik was quick to thank Clint Hanks and Fred Felton. "This car stuck like glue. This new track is going to be real fast. Count on the outside to get hooked up, then look out," said Mike Stefanik.

Ironically, it was the 37th season of racing at Riverside and car number 37 won.

Steve Kelly of Granby, Connecticut, won his first feature in the Streets driving the Ron's Auto Body Monte Carlo. Luke Scanlon led the first five laps as Kelly took the lead and held on through several cautions.

Dan Delena finished a strong second, with Dan Burham placing third. Fourth and fifth went to Luke Scanlon and Dan Lavoie. Sixth to 10th went to Tim Barrett, Tom Tagg, Dan Lavoie, John Lobo, and Rob Jones.

Kelly thanked his family and friends for the victory. "This new track is great. I can run high, low, or anywhere. I want the championship," said Kelly.

Street heats were won by Dan Delena, Tom Tagg, Gary Fiormonti and Tim Barrett. All received Budweiser Bonus Money, with the heats paying \$100 for first and \$50 for second.

Next Saturday, April 4th, Riverside will feature the Century Subaru 50, a special event of 50 laps for the Nascar Modifieds plus the Pro Stocks. Gates open at 5:00 p.m., with action at 7:00 p.m.

Agawam Revolver Club Offers NRA Course

The Agawam Revolver Club is offering a NRA certified Basic Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Course. The course will be offered April 12th and for the next three consecutive Saturdays, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Attendance at all four classes is mandatory.

Students will be introduced to competitive shooting in formal practice sessions and learn the basic skills needed to compete in local, regional, and national matches.

Instructors, who are certified by the NRA, provide lectures and demonstrations of the fundamentals of accuracy, and thoroughly cover safety in the home, at the range and in the field. Class size is limited to 24 people.

The class is opened to any serious person who wishes to learn safe firearms handling. Youths under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The cost of the course is \$30. The cost covers study material, ammunition, and instruction. Students are asked not to bring their own firearms to the first class. Students are not required to have a pistol permit or their own firearms, as they will be provided.

For more details, call Don Loncto, 786-7071.

Provin Mountain Farms Wins AAA's 11-14



CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO Provin Mountain Farms, this year's basketball champions in the 11-14 girls' division of the Agawam Athletic Association. Players include Gina DePalma, Jennifer Scaggs, Missy Brown, Cathy Scaggs, Susan Jakuboski, Alyson Manning, Holly Young, and Brie Cosgrove. All four teams in this league exhibited improved skills and good sportsmanship. Things are definitely looking good for girls basketball in Agawam in the future. The team's head coach is John Cosgrove.

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Century Subaru To Feature New XT April 5th

On Saturday night, April 5th, Riverside Park Speedway will host its first event of several special programs offered by Century Subaru of Vernon, Connecticut. The program for several events in 1986 is based on a total projected plan of \$10,000. Part of this program will feature the newest car that Subaru offers, the exciting Subaru XT.

Subaru says its XT Coupe was born in the wind tunnel to give it special aerodynamic qualities. A quick look at the machine proves it is truly a road car of the 1980's. It features a low, sharply chiseled nose, flush windows, roof pillars, and door handles, and the mirrors are built in so they don't interrupt the airflow along the sides and the long, nearly flat, rear deck.

With a drag coefficient of 0.29, Subaru's new XT Coupe is the most aerodynamically slippery car available in the U.S. today. The 1986 Subaru XT Coupe features the following engine - 1.8 liter that puts out 94 horsepower at 5200 RPM. The turbo horsepower is 111 at 4800 RPM. The transmission offered includes a five speed manual or a three speed automatic. Besides the great power and performance, the EPA fuel

economy with the five speed is 26/32 and the turbo, 23/25. The price ranges from \$5,889 (Base, 4 wheel drive turbo, auto \$13,989).

The XT Coupe was the project and brain child of Harvey Lamm, president of Subaru of America, the country's only American-operated, publicly-owned, and East Coast-based Japanese-car importing company. Subaru's XT is a Harvey Lamm production from top to bottom.

Century Subaru, Connecticut's largest Subaru volume dealer in Vernon, under the management of Steve Yancoskie, will feature one of these new machines at Riverside April 5th. Besides this, they will have two additional Subarus on display with a trained sales staff.

You are invited to attend the Century Subaru program and see one of the most advanced cars of the 1980s. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m., with racing at Riverside scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Admission is family-priced at just \$6.95 for adults. Kids are just 95 cents. The XT Subaru will be displayed at the entrance to the stadium.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of ALFRED H. CHRISTOPHER who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 44 to allow the construction of a four (4) family residence on a parcel of land with less than the required area and identified as 11 BRIDGE STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
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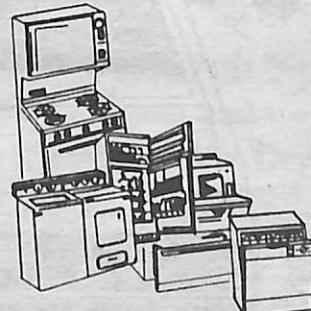


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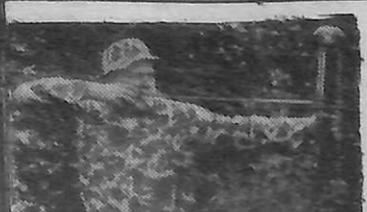


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**SPORTSMAN'S
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by Bill Chiba

Shooting At Coyotes Nixed

A proposal to permit the hunting of coyotes during the Commonwealth's nine-day shotgun deer season was rejected by the Fisheries and Wildlife Board at its January meeting. Regulations for hunting coyotes in 1986 will remain as they were in 1985.

This includes the fact that sportsmen will be required to continue to turn in coyote carcasses — a move instituted to assist Northeastern University in an investigation of the presence of heartworm in coyotes. The move also continues the requirement that no raw (green) coyote pelts may be sold in Massachusetts, regardless of origin, unless those pelts have been tagged.

The "Taas 'n' Trout Program" for 1986 is now in effect, and the Division of Fisheries and Game is receiving inquiries about it.

While first option goes to previous sponsors, many of whom have already signed on to sponsor the specially-tagged trout, additional fish are available. The Division is accepting applications from groups that would like to become involved in the program.

Under the provisions of the "Tags 'n' Trout Program," the specially tagged fish are released into regularly stocked waters as part of routine stocking operations. By pre-arrangement with a local sponsoring group, some of those are marked with a special tag.

Any angler taking a tagged fish between the time of its release and the end of the program in September 1986, may turn the tag into the local sponsor and be assured of an attractive prize. The retail value of the prize must be at least \$20.

Hunting And Fishing Show

Every spring, Post 430 in Springfield presents a hunting and fishing night to the sportsmen of the area. This year the movies will be Friday evening, April 11th, at 7:30 p.m., at the post home, 605 Liberty Street. Donation is \$3. Youngsters under 16 are admitted free. Paul Kukonen, noted hunter and fisherman, will show the films.

Mark Poirier, Feeding Hills, has become very interested in turkey hunting and is putting in his homework by getting up early in the morning and coaxing the birds.

On his latest foray into the woodlands, he successfully called up two gobblers and a flock of hens. The gobblers were working together and herding the hens ahead of them. The whole flock nearly ran Mark over when he attempted to lure the gobblers away from the hens. According to Mark, both gobblers strutted and purred in front of him for quite sometime. One important item that Mark forgot to bring with him — a camera. Displays such as Mark observed do not take place too often.

He stated that so many turkey callers are out in the woods that more than one hunter is calling the same bird. By the time hunting season gets here in May, most of the birds are going to be shy of putts and yelps resounding through the woods.

Bowmen Plan Monthly Meeting

The Agawam Bowmen will have its monthly meeting, Monday, April 7th, at the clubhouse. The club will set-up its shooting year with emphasis on the 3-D bowhunter safari shoots. A great deal of information on tournaments in the area by other clubs holding 3-D events will be discussed. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

The Chicopee Sportsmen Club will host the first 3-D shoot, Sunday, April 13th, at its club grounds in Granby, Massachusetts. The event will get underway at 8:00 a.m.

The Agawam Sportsman Club, Inc., is still holding turkey shoots Sundays. The event gets underway at 1:00 p.m. Ed Crouss is looking forward to a good turnout.

Both ramps at Congomond Lakes have been loaded with fishermen. Try to get a boat in without an argument. The ramps are for launching boats, not for the parking of cars of shore fishermen. It is about time the EPOs started to hand out \$20 citations for the violation.

The limit on trout is three fish until April 15th. Putting trout in the trunk of a car won't work with the EPOs on duty, who know all the tricks. Go get them, Vic.

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Annual Bike-Hike-Jog For Life Set For May 3

The Springfield Association of Life Underwriters (S.A.L.U.), a non-profit organization, is again sponsoring the 9th Annual Bike-Hike-Jog for Life and Breath to benefit the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts. This special event will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, at Longmeadow High School.

Biking, hiking, and jogging enthusiasts of all ages are urged to show their support of healthy lungs and clean air by participating. Participants are asked to raise pledges and will be able to earn prizes ranging from gift certificates to Cape Cod weekends for two.

All participants will receive free gifts and refreshments courtesy of McDonald's and the Lung Association. Steiger's is providing special mini-flashlights for all pledges over \$25. There will also be a

special category and trophy for team competition.

During the past eight years, this public service project of S.A.L.U. has raised over \$100,000 to benefit local Lung Association programs on asthma, emphysema, smoking cessation, and marijuana education. This year's goal is \$25,000, a 15 percent increase over 1985.

To help "insure" good weather, local celebrity meteorologist Paul Sutton from TV Channel 40 and John Quill from TV Channel 22 will appear at the event to lend their support and kick-off the event.

Information brochures and pledge sheets are available at many local elementary schools, all Steiger's store offices and at the Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, or by calling 737-3506.

Mawaga Sporting Club Calendar Of Events

April 8th: Monthly meeting. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., and business meeting follows at 7:30 p.m.

April 11th: Annual Banquet. Bar opens at 5:00 p.m. Social hour from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner, door prizes, raffle, etc., beginning at 7:00 p.m.

April 12th: Pond Stocking.

April 13th: Fishing Derby. Breakfast starts at 7:00 a.m. Fishing Derby commences at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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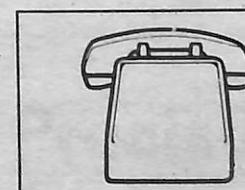
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By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
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BC New Frontrunner In Tri-Parish Bowling

As the collar around the neck of St. Michael continues to tighten, Round One winner Boston College has caught fire and now leads Round Three of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League.

After the seventh week of rolling in the third and final round, BC holds first place (21½ wins) while St. Mike's has fallen to second (19). Still in the running is Notre Dame (3rd place-17½ wins) followed by Fordham (4th place-16 wins).

BC has returned to the form that made it the Round One champion. They dismantled defending grand champion St. Louis (6th place-13 wins), four wins to none. The death bells are now ringing for poor St. Lou—they won't be returning to the grand championship playoffs next month (unless they really go on a tear in the last four weeks).

In the BC victory over St. Lou, winners for the winners were SANDY PRZESZLO (331) and captain BOBBY MOCCIO (368). Moccio really racked St. Lou captain DEBBIE POIRIER (299), who suffered her second week of having the blues. The St. Lou winners were STELLA BARBIERI (267) and substitute JOHN O'CONNELL, of the O'Connell bowling family (343). Sandy beat her opponent by 64 pins and Moccio won by 69 pins. There was no way St. Lou could recover from that kind of a whipping.

St. Mike's, meanwhile, was taking its lumps from Fordham. Fordham was led by the unconscious RICHIE SNYDER, who launched a 73-pin victory at outclassed PAUL DEZIELLE of St. Mike's (372-299). It was Snyder's finest hour this year. In the battle between Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL and St. Mike's captain MIKE O'CONNELL, Ann got the best of her spouse, 283-271. Mike was despondent afterwards about the sudden turn of events for his team.

St. Mike's did have several good performances to save at least one win. PAULINE DEPALO had a magnificent 340 and GINNY BENJAMIN fired a 315. Still, St. Mike's lost as Mike O'Connell held the bag. There must be a curse following this team.

Holy Cross (9th place-12 wins) cost ND a chance for second place, three wins to one. HC, which has fallen on hard times of late, were led by DANA PEPPER (294), ERNIE BLAIR (305), and captain STU STORK (347).

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ND captain JOHN RESCIGNO had a 311 in the losing effort, and teammate PEG TASSINARI registered a 305 for a victory over LAURIE SNYDER (254). RENEE JURY also rolled well in a losing effort to BLAIR (301).

Last place Loyola (8 wins) breathed some fire into its lifeless rolling by sweeping St. Anselm (5th place-14 wins) in a match that cost St. A's very dearly. If St. A's had won three games, instead of losing three, it would be right in the thick of things.

Loyola winners were GAIL BLAIR (240), MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (273), and captain EDIE ANDERSON (326-his best night in many a moon). Sick-of-heart St. A's captain VI MASSOIA could do no better than a poor 265. The only St. A's winner was former Agawam High basketball bruiser RAY BARBIERI (323), a growing star in the league.

Round Two winner Georgetown (10th place-12 wins) demolished poor Villanova (11th place-10 wins), a team that began the season with great expectations but found itself bogged down. G-Town had better start getting into the groove if they are to challenge Boston College for the grand championship.

G-Town winners included JAY LAGODITZ (277), JOHN MLINEK (286), and captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO (318). The only Villanova winner was FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO, who popped his way to a 304. Villanova anchorman Steve Rovithis mustered a measley 303 in falling to Moccio. Rescigno, it was reported, was seen running for J.W. Wimpy's immediately following the match before "The Fearsome One" could really rub it in.

In the final match of the night, a much better Catholic University team (7th place-12½ wins) took three wins from St. Mary (8th place-12½ wins). CU is trying desperately to rid itself of the league doormat tag. CU winners were DORIS KRZYKOWSKI (260) and STEP STEPANIAN (295). Solid St. Mary's captain FRED MORASSI defeated a disappointed CU captain, JIM SNYDER, 325-288.

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Applications may be picked up Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Town Manager's Office (Personnel Department).

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Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideals; you gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me; and you are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be.

I want to be with you and your loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer for three consecutive days without asking your wish. After the third day the wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be.

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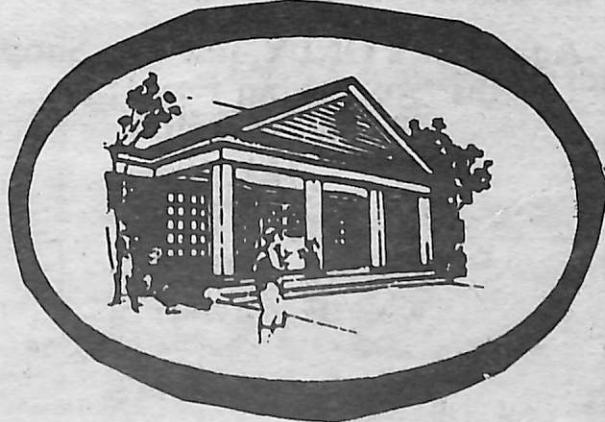


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